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Presidential primary election takes place March 3

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

Voting in Massachusetts' presidential primary will be held Tuesday, March 3.

The Democratic, Republican, Green-Rainbow and Libertarian parties are holding elections to determine which candidates Massachusetts delegates will support for U.S. president in 2020.

Those who do not vote in the early voting period can cast their ballots Tuesday, March 3, at the polls from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Local polling places include: Barre Precinct 1 at Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road and Precinct 2 at American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Road; Hardwick at the Hardwick Elementary School, Lower Road; Hubbardston in the gym at the Hubbardston Center School, 8 Elm St. (voters should park at the municipal lot and enter through the gym door); Oakham in the voting room at the Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road; Petersham in the lower level of the Petersham Town Hall, Main Street and Rutland Precinct 1 and 3 at Naquag Elementary School, 285 Main St. and Precinct 2 at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St.

Registered members of the Democratic, Republican, Green-Rainbow and Libertarian parties can vote on their party's ballot; political independents ("un-enrolled") can choose to vote on any party's primary ballot.

Those who select Democratic ballots can choose from 15 candidates in the presidential primary. Listed in ballot order, they are

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Quabbin towns go purple



Turley Publications photo by Karen Lewis

Hanging from the Harding Allen Bandstand in the middle of Barre Common, this banner, the purple ribbons and other purple decorations in various locations throughout the Quabbin communities are to inform the public of the upcoming Purple for Prevention Week, happening March 2 through the 7. Programs will be held in the Quabbin schools and offered free to the public throughout the week, including a Vaping Program March 3 at 6 p.m. at Quabbin Central Office, Medication Safety March 4 at 12:15 p.m. at Barre Senior Center and Your Story Matters March 5 at 6 p.m. at Barre Senior Center.

'All Things Irish' event set for March 7

BARRE – The fourth annual "All Things Irish" night happens Saturday, March 7 at the American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Road from 4:30-9 p.m. with live Irish music, step dancing, Irish theme raffles, Shepherd's pie dinner and a cash bar. "All Things Irish" is a fundraiser for the Plus Center for Social and Economic Development, Inc., a Petersham based 501 (c)3 non-profit organization that supports people with disabilities.

Doors open at 4 p.m. with dinner and homemade Irish soda bread served from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The Quaboag Highlanders, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of Celtic music featuring bagpipes and Scottish drums, will start off the evening. Yokeshire, siblings Craig and Brian Herlihy, will entertain

throughout the night with traditional Irish music and ballads.

Step dancing performances will include local dancers from the Listening Center, led by teacher Amy LaPointe at 5:30 p.m. Shillelagh Awards will begin at 7 p.m. followed by sing-along favorites by Yokeshire and a final step dancing performance by the Irish Rhythm School dancers.

Proceeds from the evening will

support the Polus Center's "Bridge to Success Project," a person-centered program that provides scholarships and extra support for students, who are blind or low vision to attend college in Worcester and a new in-home independent living program for young adults, who are blind. The Polus Center has been providing opportunities for people with disabilities in Massachusetts since 1979, including interna-

tional humanitarian programs for victims of conflict. The Polus Center's focus in Massachusetts is providing training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities, especially youth and adults, who are blind or low vision.

There is no charge for this fun filled night, though donations are

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New Braintree town clerk lists local election information

NEW BRAINTREE – Nomination papers are now available in the Town Clerk's Office, for the following offices up for election at the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, May 4: selectman for 3 years; treasurer for 3 years; town clerk for 3 years; moderator for 3 years; assessor for 1 year; assessor for 3 years; Quabbin Regional School Committee for 3 years; Pathfinder Regional Vocational School Committee for 3 years; cemetery commissioner for 3 years; board of health for 3 years; finance committee for 3 years; planning board for 5 years; constable for 3 years and library trustee for 3 years (two positions).

The last day to obtain nomination papers is Tuesday, March 17. Nomination papers must be submitted for certification by 5 p.m. Friday, March 20. The last day and time to register to vote for the Monday, May 4, Annual Town Election will be Tuesday, April 14 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. in the Town Clerk's office. People may contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-867-2071, extension 102 or at townclerk@newbraintree.org.

Barre to hold rabies clinic

BARRE – The Barre Board of Health will hold a rabies clinic and microchip clinic Saturday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Barre DPW Building, 411 Wheelwright Road. Second Chance Animal Services will provide rabies and distemper vaccines for dogs and cats for \$12 each per vaccination.

Microchipping will also be available for \$20 including registration. Payments must be cash only.

Dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in carriers. If a pet is eligible for a three-year vaccine, people should bring proof of prior vaccination paperwork with them.

The Barre Town Clerk will be available for licensing from 10 a.m. to noon in her office located in the basement at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St.

Mini golf at the library entertains young and old

By Karen A. Lewis
Correspondent

NORTH BROOKFIELD – With a smile on his face and a spring in his step, nine-year old Ducati Sedlier was just one of a number of volunteers, who helped at the mini-golf course fundraiser, held at the Haston Free Public Library last Friday and Saturday.

"It felt pretty good, because I always like helping and it's pretty fun when I help," Sedlier said.

Coming across an 18-hole mini golf course is probably one of the last things anyone would think would be set up in a library, however both the Friends of the Haston Library group and Haston Library director Dawn Thistle and her staff collaborated together to create a unique experience for all to enjoy.

"We've been working on this for a month," Thistle said, who explained she had heard of other libraries transforming their space into mini-golf courses for a designated period of time. "Although most of those libraries only had nine holes, we did 18."

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Checking out the Dr. Seuss mini golf hole in the Children's Room of the Haston Library are (l-r) Ella Critelli 6-year-old, Aria Critelli 3-year-old, and Molly Reed 6-year-old.



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Nine year old Ducati Sedlier proudly stands by Hole #1 – Space, created by his mother Dawn, a member of the Friends of Haston Library.

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News of the Towns



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New Life hosts weekly group for children and teens

New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., South Barre hosts a weekly youth group on Friday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This Christian Youth Club features food, games/activities and age-appropriate Bible discussions for those who attend (K-12). This is a great place to make friends, have fun, and discover how faith in Christ can impact daily living. There is no cost to participate. For more information, feel free to contact Pastor James Foley at 978-355-6407 or visit them online at www.NewLifeBarre.org.

Troop 26 ham and bean supper

Boy Scout Troop 26 of Barre will host its 57th annual ham and bean supper Saturday, March 7 at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., on the common.

An “all-you-can-eat dinner” of ham, beans, salad, rolls and apple crisp has been a family favorite meal served up by the local Boy Scout troop for over 56 years. Doors will open at 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Advance tickets are available by calling Scoutmaster Aaron Casey at 774-922-2591, Committee Chair Ronald Rich, Jr. at 978-355-4984 or any Boy Scout.

Medicare information session

For people turning 65, an information session to understand Medicare options will be held Tuesday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. Barre’s certified Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone (SHINE) counselor will lead the session. A SHINE Medicare counselor is also available for individual appointments at the Barre Senior Center by calling 978-355-5004. SHINE counselors are trained and certified annually and attend monthly meetings to ensure they are sharing up to date information. They provide free and unbiased insurance information and counseling to Medicare beneficiaries.

Spring craft fair

St. Francis of Assisi Guild will hold spring craft fair Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Chapel, 29 South St. There will be over 20 vendors, door prize, 50/50 raffle and auction. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Corned beef and cabbage dinner

The South Barre Rod and Gun Club, Rte. 32, Barre/Hardwick line, will hold their annual corned beef and cabbage dinner Saturday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and available at the clubhouse. The public is welcome.

Annual cheese raffle in memory of Lenny Sears

On Saturday, March 14 the Annual Lenny Sears Memorial Cabot Cheese Raffle will be held Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m. at the South Barre Rod and Gun Club, Rte. 32, Barre/Hardwick line. The public is welcome.

Food Pantry lists volunteer opportunities

BARRE – The Barre Food Pantry at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., on the Common, welcomes volunteers Tuesday, March 10 between 6:30-8:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help set up the room and sort, date and pre-bag donated groceries for free distribution the next day. On Wednesday, March 11 the Barre Food Pantry welcomes volunteers from 9:30 a.m. to noon to help staff the tables, help clients “shop” the food bank offerings and help carry groceries to clients’ cars. They do not need empty egg cartons for now.

Community Service hours can be provided for Quabbin Regional High School students that come to help. For more information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.

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Local organizations receive charitable foundation gifts



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Joe Orzulak, from left, Jamie Orzulak are shown with Stephen Brewer of the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation. The Quabbin Community Band received a grant of \$4,000.



Todd Stewart, director of Camp Putnam in New Braintree stands by the camp sign with Stephen Brewer of the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation. Camp Putnam received a check for \$8,500.



Joel Cranston, left, of the Barre Housing Authority accepts a check for \$800 from Stephen Brewer of the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation.



Stephen Brewer of the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation presents Laura Dusha Nelson of the Listening Wellness Center in Barre with a check for \$3,000.

Q-Drug plans events in March

BARRE – Q-Drug has two events planned for the community. The first, on Tuesday, March 3 at 6 p.m. will be a discussion on vaping. This is a growing concern for youth, as well as for adults. It has received a fair amount of recent news coverage, due to new regulations at the state and federal level, the ban on sales, the new health concerns and unclear information for many parents and adults. Melinda Calianos,

program coordinator for Hampshire Franklin Tobacco-Free Community Partnership will lead the discussion at the Quabbin Educational Support Office, 872 South St.

Thursday, March 5 at 6 p.m. Q-Drug will hold a “Your Story Matters” and ice cream social event at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. This event has had a lasting impression on many of the community members, young and old.

Q-Drug invites people in recovery that want to share their story and community members that want to learn more about the experiences of their neighbors.

Wholesome Foods and Becki’s Bistro will sponsor the ice cream.

For more information and photos from the week, people may follow on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/QuabbinDrugResponse/> or on Instagram as Q-DRUG.

Democrats to hold caucus March 8

PETERSHAM – Registered Democrats in Petersham will hold a caucus Sunday, March 8 at 4 p.m. at the Petersham Town Hall, lower level, 1 South Main St., to elect delegates and an alternate to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

This year’s state convention will be held Saturday, May 30 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell where thousands of Democrats

from across the state will come together to discuss party business and celebrate our successes as we prepare for upcoming elections. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Petersham. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 by Feb. 15 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Petersham can elect two delegates and one alternate to the

Convention. Youth, minorities, people with disabilities and LGBT individuals, who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at www.massdems.org. For more information about the Petersham Democratic Town Committee, people may contact Henry Woolsey at 978-771-2173 or at henrywoolsey@gmail.com.

Barre Food Pantry offers monthly distribution to clients

BARRE – People in need of food assistance are welcome to the Barre Food Pantry at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., on the Common Wednesday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon for free monthly distribution of fresh, frozen and canned food made available through local and regional donations and state and federal government programs.

The Barre Food Pantry would like to encourage clients to bring their reusable grocery tote bags with them when they come to pick up food at distribution. For additional information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.

Petersham Cultural Council to host art show

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Cultural Council will be hosting a local art show in the Petersham Town Hall on the Common Friday, April 3 through Sunday, April 5. The theme of the show is “Spring Thaw” and amateurs and professionals alike are encouraged to participate by submitting up to four pieces by March 25.

The opening artists reception will take place on Friday, April 3 from 7-9 p.m. The show is free and open to the public.

More information and the application form may be obtained by emailing petershamculturalcouncil@gmail.com. The Petersham Cultural Council is a local agency funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency

Hubbardston

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Town clerk lists early voting date

The Hubbardston Town Clerk announced that early voting will take place in the town clerk library basement office Thursday, Feb. 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the presidential primary election. The primary election will be held Tuesday, March 3 with the polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Hubbardston voters should access the Hubbardston Center School gym polling locations from the door at the north end of the school. They should park in the municipal lot by the senior center and not use the main school parking lot. Applications for absentee ballots for the presidential primary are available online or at the town clerk’s office during regular business hours. Deadline to submit absentee ballots is March 3 at 8 p.m. Ballots may be mailed or people may vote in person at the town clerk’s office.

Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., weekly schedule includes: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Wii Bowling at 8 a.m.; Monday - Friday coffee hour at 8 a.m.; Tuesday - Swinging Singing Seniors at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday - walking club at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday - Senior Center meals by MOC at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday - pitch (second and fourth Wednesdays each month) at 1:30 p.m., Thursday - cabbage (second and fourth Thursdays each month) at 1:30 p.m., Friday - craft corner (third Friday each month) at 10 a.m., Friday - cabbage at 1:30 p.m. and Friday evenings - pitch (first and third Fridays each month) at 6:30 p.m. Free bread/baked goods are available at the senior center Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Price Chopper Supermarket in Gardner donates them. Free one dozen Country Hen eggs for residents 60 and over are available every week on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the senior center. For more information, people may call 978-928-1400, extension 211. A certified SHINE Medicare counselor is available at the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 by appointment.

South Barre Rod & Gun Club lists upcoming events

SOUTH BARRE – Saturday, March 14 the South Barre Rod and Gun Club, Rte. 32, Barre/Hardwick line, will hold their annual corned beef and cabbage dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and available at the clubhouse. The public is welcome.

The annual Lenny Sears Memorial Cabot Cheese raffle will be held Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m. The public is welcome.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE – Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of March 2.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Teriyaki beef, steamed rice, broccoli, pineapple, fortune cookie, whole wheat bread

TUES. – Chicken picatta, wild rice, roasted California vegetables, lemon pudding, diet = sugar free tapioca pudding, pumpernickel bread

WED. – Shepherd’s pie, carrots, peas, cinnamon streusel cake, diet = small piece, Italian bread

THURS. – Salisbury steak with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, sandwich roll, chicken vegetable soup

FRI. – Potato crunch fish, potatoes au gratin, jardinière vegetables, baked cinnamon pears, marble rye bread, tartar sauce

*Diabetic friendly dessert

**Higher sodium entree

Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

Correction

An article about the Barre Selectmen’s meeting incorrectly spelled Elisha Musgraves name. It should be Musgraves not Muskgraves.

Corrections policy

The Barre Gazette will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2. To request a correction, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at barrenews@turley.com or call 978-355-4000. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

QRSD School Committee – Feb. 27 at 6 p.m.
QRSD Collective Bargaining Subcommittee – Feb. 28 at 10 a.m.
Board of Selectmen – March 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Historical Commission – March 2 at 7 p.m.
Election Day – March 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Board of Assessors – March 3 at 6 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – March 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – March 4 at 1 p.m.
Town Administrator Search Committee – March 4 at 7 p.m.
Water Commission – March 4 at 7 p.m.
Finance Committee – March 5 at 6 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – March 5 at 3 p.m.
Board of Health – March 9 at 5 p.m.
Age and Dementia Friendly Committee – March 9 at 5:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – March 9 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – March 11 at 7 p.m.
Insurance Advisory Committee – March 12 at 3 p.m.
Conservation Committee – March 17 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Paige Library Trustees – March 5 at 7 p.m.
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – March 9 at 5:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – March 12 at 9:30 a.m.
Parks and Recreation Committee – March 12 at 4 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – March 13 at 4 p.m.
Wheelwright Water District – March 16 at 7 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – March 17 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – March 17 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Council on Aging – Feb. 27 and March 26 at 10:30 a.m.
Board of Selectmen – March 2, March 16 and March 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – March 3 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – March 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Library Trustees – March 5 and March 12 at 7 p.m.
Historical Commission – March 7 at 10 a.m.
Town Center Committee – March 19 at 7 p.m.
Open Space Committee – March 31 at 7 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen – March 9 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Cultural Council – Feb. 27 at 4 p.m.
Petersham School Committee – Feb. 27 at 6:15 p.m.
Planning Board – Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.
Open Space and Recreation Committee – March 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – March 3 at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health – March 5 and March 19 at 7 p.m.
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee – March 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – March 9 at 10 a.m.
Cemetery Commission – March 12 at 7 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – March 19 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Ad Hoc By-Law Committee – March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 12:45 p.m.

Holden Grange sponsors talk on ticks

HOLDEN – The Holden Grange will sponsor Tick Talk Monday, March 23 at the Holden Senior Center 1130 Main St. at 7 p.m. Participants will learn how to protect themselves against this parasite at the informational session.

All are welcome to attend to hear about this topic which causes health concerns for so many. Dan Wolff, a.k.a. Tick Man Dan, will speak on the behavior and life-cycles of ticks and how they relate to the environment. Founded by Wolff, TickEase, Inc. manufactures a tweezer-like tick removal device, which will be available for purchase after his presentation. Darlene O'Connor, co-founder of the Northeast Lyme and Associated Diseases Resource Foundation, will provide information about Lyme and other related diseases. In addition to the wealth of knowledge shared by Tick Man Dan and O'Connor, door prizes and refreshments will round out the evening. For more information, people may email holdengrango78@gmail.com or call 508-886-2341.

Friends of library sponsor presentation and book signing

ATHOL – There will be a presentation and book signing Thursday, March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Athol Public Library building community with the Amandla Chorus. It will be held in Athol Public Library program room. Sponsored by the Friends of the Athol Public Library, it is free and open to the public. Eveline MacDougall, director of Fiery Hope Chorus, (for thirty years called Amandla Chorus), author of Fiery Hope, building community with the Amandla Chorus, will present a program about her book and the chorus. Originally named in consideration of the South African word meaning power, Amandla/Fiery Hope favors world music usually sung without instrumental accompaniment concerned with social justice.

With photos and remembrances of Amandla public performances and engagements in schools, prisons, homes for the elderly, hospitals and other venues, the book Fiery Hope traces the history of the singing group. Fiery Hope includes biographical information about MacDougall and traces community organizations influencing and influenced by the chorus. Amandla/Fiery Hope has shared performances with guests or been the guest of notables including folk singers Pete Seeger and Jane Sapp and international activists Nelson Mandela of South Africa and Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan. Fiery Hope will be available for purchase at the Athol Public Library event and can be found at fieryhopebooks.com, other online venues, at World Eye Bookshop and from MacDougall and the publisher. People may register by calling 978-249-9515.

Police and fire rescue Barre cat



Shown in a photo three years ago is Miss Luna

Turley Publications Courtesy Photos
Barre's police and fire responded to a 911 call and rescued Donald Macmillan's cat the night of Feb. 17. The cat, Miss Luna, got trapped in a recliner's undercarriage.

Hardwick

Hardwick Farmers Coop offers free seminars

GILBERTVILLE – The Hardwick Farmers Cooperative, Lower Road offers several seminars. Rich Giordano of All Hill Farm will present a spring pruning seminar Saturday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. Participants will learn about proper pruning tools and how to maintain them for easier pruning, the basics of “How” and “When” to prune, as well as the popular topic of restoring old apple trees and much more. He will be here to share lots of information and answer questions.

Jaclyn Gagnon, Nutrena sales coordinator, will present “chicken chat” Saturday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m.. Participants

will learn about breed selection, being prepared when bringing home new chicks, flock health and management, as well as feed and nutrition.

Mary Duane, former President of the Worcester County Beekeepers Association and an EAS certified Master Beekeeper, will present “What is Inside a Honeybee Hiv?!” Saturday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. Participants will learn the basics of keeping honeybees and why it is so very important to mankind to protect the honeybees.

Grant Jakubowski, Vermont Pure CBD, will present CBD education Saturday, March 28 at noon. He will be here to

cover all things CBD including various products and how to use them and the process of adding hemp into products. He will be here to answer participants CBD questions.

Dan Wright, director of sales for Poulin Grain Bag Feed Division and territory manager for Hardwick Farmers' Coop will present a sheep and goat seminar Saturday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m. He will be presenting the importance of forage quality and the different stages of life and husbandry of sheep and goats.

Seating is limited for all seminars. People may call 413-477-6913 to reserve a seat or sign up at the register.

Hardwick residents have a chance to help history

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Town House Advisory Committee, with the support of the Hardwick Select Board, is creating a fundraising project to support the painting of the exterior of the Hardwick Town House. While a very significant number of improvements have been made over the last several years, a quick look at the outside of the building makes it obvious that painting is very much needed if the town is to prevent deterioration of this beautiful, historic building that plays an important role in the community. There are two phases to this program. First, the Advisory Committee is applying for a grant to cover half the cost of the painting. The other half of the cost will have to come from funds raised to cover Committee's

share. That's what this request is all about: raising the necessary money to meet our share for the grant.

So far, the THAC has maintained a gift fund under Town auspices. Now the Committee has begun the fundraising effort by asking the public for donations. Committee members have contacted all their known potential donors and now it is time to ask other town residents to support this effort to preserve the Town House. So, all town residents who wish to support this project to protect the town's beautiful, historic building can make a donation to the Town House Gift Account and mail it to: Town of Hardwick ATTN: Lucinda Childs/ TownHouse Gift Account, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

Historical society to host Bly art exhibit

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Historical Society is hosting a two-day art exhibition featuring the local artist, Frank J. Bly. This is a rare opportunity to meet him and see some of his famous Quabbin paintings and surrounding towns.

It will be held at the Hardwick Town House on Saturday, April 4 and Sunday, April 5 from noon-4 p.m. both days. The Hardwick Historical Museum will be also open for viewing during the event.

This is free and open to the public and is handicapped accessible for those in need. This is a rare opportunity to meet local artist, Frank Bly.

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Oakham

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Church to hold breakfast and egg hunt

The Oakham Congregational Church will hold a breakfast with the Easter Bunny Saturday, April 4 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church will follow the breakfast. Donations of wrapped candy that fit in plastic Easter eggs are needed. People may drop the candy off at the church and leave it in the side hallway marked egg hunt. Last year, the Easter bunny and helpers hid about 2,500 plastic eggs for children to find on the Common, church lawn, library and ball field. All are welcome to attend.

Bingo for Books

The Oakham/New Braintree PTO will sponsor Bingo for Books Friday, Feb. 28 from 6-7 p.m. at the Oakham Center School. Admission is free, but seating is limited. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. People should RSVP the number attending to Julie at onbpto@gmail.com or call Mary Amadio at 508-882-3392. Light refreshments will be provided. This is a free, family friendly event; donations are always welcome. The activity is not sponsored or approved by the Quabbin Regional School District. It is offered by a private agency. Volunteers at this event are needed.

Prayer Shawl group

The Prayer Shawl group meets Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. at the Fobes Memorial Library, Maple Street. All are welcome to attend. The group also meets the second Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Oakham Congregational Church.

Church news

The adult choir sang “This Is the Day” by Les Garrett during the 10 a.m. worship service at the Oakham Congregational Church. Chris Nahkala filled in for the Rev. Timothy Hanley.

The church will hold its annual meeting Sunday, March 8 at 11 a.m.

Environmental center to host forestry and carbon program March 4

ATHOL – A forestry and carbon: science and practice presentation and discussion will take place Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Millers River Environmental Center 100 Main St. Sponsored by North Quabbin Energy, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust and the Athol Bird and Nature Club is free and open to the public.

Paul Catanzaro, Associate Professor and State Extension Forester at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, will discuss forest carbon. Forests provide a critical natural solution to reduce the effects of climate change. There is a growing debate about the most appropriate strategy to maximize this benefit. The intent of his presentation is to help provide a better understanding of the role carbon plays within forests, the impacts of two land-use options on forest carbon – forest conversion and forest management and trade-offs of these decisions. Professor Catanzaro will also provide specific carbon-informed forest management strategies to help maintain carbon storage if an active approach is taken. More details may be found in the publication he co-authored with Anthony D'Amato of the University of Vermont, Forest Carbon (<http://www.masswoods.org/carbon>) Sarah Wells, Conservation Director at Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, will share the approach of her organization to incorporating climate change resiliency into the long-term management of properties that Mount Grace owns. Paul Catanzaro teaches courses in the Forest Ecology and Conservation concentration and is co-director of the Family Forest Research Center, a partnership of the USDA Forest Service and Umass Amherst. His research and outreach work focuses primarily on legacy planning and forest resiliency.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

February is just about over and spring can't be far behind. Sometimes March can have some major snowstorms, but the snow goes away fast.'

It is still very icy at Serenity Hill, but Ken has the driveway well sanded now so I was able to get out a couple of times. In fact I had a girls day out with my two daughters on Friday. We ate lunch at a restaurant in Gardner and then went to an antique mall in Princeton. It was a fun day.

My oldest daughter has me making a table runner for her coffee table so that will keep me busy for a few days.

Here is a recipe that makes good use of broccoli.

BROCCOLI HOT DISH

2 pkgs. frozen broccoli, t
hawed and drained
1/4 cup chopped onions

6 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 cup water
8 oz. Cheez-Whiz
3 beaten eggs
1/2 cup corn flake crumbs
Brown onion in butter. Add flour and gradually stir in water. Blend in the cheese. Mix in broccoli and beaten eggs. Turn into a casserole. Top with corn flake crumbs. Bake at 325 degrees for one hour and 15 minutes. Serves 8.

This and that

I just received a letter from my English pen pal that her husband passed away this month. It is so sad to hear that. In 1983, they came to visit us and stayed with us for two weeks. We took them to the White Mountains and Cape Cod. I have been a pen pal of Doreen for 72 years. When I was 12 years old the Sunday School

gave me four pen pals, one from Canada, Netherlands, Germany and England. The only one I have been able to keep in contact with was from England. It was so much fun meeting them in person in 1983. They were such a nice couple.

Hint of the week

Vinegar to heal bruises. Soak a cotton ball in white vinegar and apply to the bruise for one hour. The vinegar reduces the blueness and speeds up the healing process.

Speaking of bruises, I was walking from the den to the kitchen and tripped on the step and landed on all fours on the kitchen floor. Luckily I did not break anything, including my body but last time this happened I broke four bottles of macaroni products that were on a shelf by the door.

Have a good week and be careful.

Donate blood during Red Cross Month

The American Red Cross urges the public to join its lifesaving mission by giving blood or platelets this March in celebration of Red Cross Month. Donors of all blood types, especially type O, are urgently needed to help ensure blood is available for patients this spring.

Heroes of all blood types, especially type O, are urgently needed to provide hope and help for patients across the country. Make an appointment now by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on

any Alexa Echo device.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities March 1-15 in Worcester County include: Milford Regional Medical Center, 14 Prospect Street, Milford, March 7 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Worcester Blood Donation Center, 381 Plantation St., Worcester, March 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 from noon-7:30 p.m.; and March 5 and 12 from 11:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

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or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, Minnesota U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Massachusetts U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Colorado U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet, former New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Hawaii U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, New Jersey U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, former San Antonio, Texas, Mayor Julian Castro, California hedge fund manager Tom Steyer, Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Vice President Joseph R. Biden, former Maryland U.S. Rep. John K. Delaney, New York entrepreneur Andrew Yang, former South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg, and California author Marianne Williamson. Booker, Castro, Delaney, Patrick, Williamson and Yang appear on ballots even though they are no longer actively campaigning.

Republican ballots for the presidential primary will include, in ballot order, former Massachusetts Gov. William F. Weld, former Illinois U.S. Rep. Joe Walsh, incumbent President Donald J. Trump, and California businessman Roque "Rocky" de la Fuente. Walsh appears on ballots even though he has suspended his campaign.

Green-Rainbow ballots for the presidential primary will include Dario Hunter, Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza-Curry, Kent Mesplay and Howard Hawkins. Libertarian ballots for the presidential primary will include Arvin Vohra, Vermin Love Supreme, Jacob George Hornberger, Samuel Joseph Robb, Dan Taxation is Theft Behrman, Kimberly Margaret Ruff, Kenneth Reed Armstrong, Adam Kokesh, Jo Jorgensen and Max Abramson.

The last day to register to vote

or change parties, in time for the primary election was Feb. 12.

Early voting began Monday, Feb. 24. The last day of early voting in Barre is Thursday, Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The last day for early voting in Hubbardston is Thursday, Feb. 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the town clerk's office located in the basement of the Hubbardston Public Library. The last day for early voting in Oakham is Friday, Feb. 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the voting room at the Oakham Town Hall.

Although absentee voting will still be available for registered voters, who qualify, only those who will be absent from town on Election Day or have a disability that prevents them from going to the polls or have a religious belief preventing the same, are legally allowed to vote by absentee ballot. The last day and time to apply for an absentee ballot will be Monday, March 2 by noon.

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School. She is very dedicated to her community.

The Leander family as a team cut, split, deliver and stack a cord of wood each year for a local family in need. The children enjoy Irish Step dancing.

Doug Martin is chair of the planning board. He attends Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission meetings. He helps the library take care of building issues. He is also an officer of Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge.

Stanley Miknaitis is co-chairman of the Barre Lions Club annual cart show and chairman of the Barre Council on Aging. He is an avid car enthusiast and cruise night attendee and member of the

Northeast Chapter Falcon Club of America.

Guido and Helene Pascale have helped so many people, all done in a non self rewarding way, while raising their two daughters. "They have lived a life of giving and putting others before themselves." Helene is retiring as a science teacher at Quabbin Middle School.

Joseph Petracone was a past president of Barre EMS board of directors and is treasurer of the Barre Lions Club. "He is a tireless volunteer who gives much of his time to help out with local events all year round."

Patrick Swain was born on St. Patrick's Day. He was a career Marine that included combat in the Middle East. Upon retirement he continued service as a local

police officer and received the Mass. State Police Medal of Valor. The Quabog Valley Chamber of Commerce nominated him for "Citizen of the Year Award."

Joseph and Linda Rogowski "have done more good deeds for people than can possibly be listed, all on the quiet side not to draw attention to themselves." "Joe" was Barre's fire chief for many years. Linda often would make food for "her boys" in the fire service when the tone rang out in the middle of the night.

Mary Ann Watson is a volunteer at the Barre Senior Center. She helps other people and delivers flowers. When the owner of the Country Gourmet was laid up with a broken hip, Mary Ann helped out at the Country Gourmet.

No. 144 was the winner of the Cub Dyke Derby held at Treasure Valley last Saturday, Feb. 27. Fourteen cub packs competed in the Derby. The events in which they competed included a rope climb, rope rescue throw, ball throw, dart throw, tire roll, snowball throw, tree climb, spear throw, sled pull, and a football toss through a tire. Cub Scouts competing were Adam Newton, Michael Asher, Timothy Miselis, Mason Miselis, Daniel Spector, Chris Rollins, Seth Donlin, James Ayer, Jeremy Hayden, Robb Barnitt, Robert Collette and Steven Doherty. Cub Scout leaders Dexter Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hayden, Richard Spector and Allan Barnitt accompanied the Scouts to the Derby.

(Ostiguy) Chabot of Ware, Leo and Sophie Ostiguy of Gilbertville, Azarie and Evelyn Ostiguy of Gilbertville, Rose Ostiguy, wife of the late George Ostiguy and the three generation descendants of the late Yvonne (Ostiguy) Germain. Four first cousins and families were present from New Braintree, North Brookfield, Ware, Palmer, Bondsville and Putnam, Conn. Holding the galaxy of family members together were an elaborate smorgasbord, music and dancing which lasted until 7 p.m. David Taylor, quartermaster of the VFW Post, stated that the Ostiguy reunion was the largest such event in the history of the Post.

The Oakham Cub Scout Troop

Get a head start on perennial planting this week

This week I will sow my first seeds of the growing season. No, it is not time to plant your tomatoes, or even your peppers. It is the perfect time, however, to sow the seeds of your favorite perennial flowers. And if you must plant a vegetable or two, onions and leeks both welcome a head start indoors. It's best to look up the germination requirements of the perennials you would like to start. The recommendations here are for those considered "easy," without the need of any special pre-treatments.

For seasoned seed-starters, the following will be a bit of a refresher. Those that are "green" to the indoor seed-starting scene, take note: following these guidelines will nearly guarantee successful seedlings. It's true...no more lanky seedlings, or seedlings that fall flat nearly as soon as they pop through the soil.

Remember the seed starting mix I spoke of awhile back? If not, a blend of finely milled peat moss or coir with some tiny chunks of vermiculite to hold water is my "soil" of choice for starting seeds indoors. It is essentially sterile, free of pathogens and weed seeds. A day before you plan to sow your seeds, dump some of the soil into a clean bucket and add water. Mix thoroughly with a gloved hand and let it sit until you are ready to use it. This extra step will eliminate any dry pockets that could wick water away from your seeds.

Once you are ready to sow, gather clean, sterilized containers. Used salad containers, top and all, work great, as do those that mushrooms come in; just be sure

to make drainage holes in the bottom. Using a nail to make a small hole helps. Fill your container with moistened seed starting mix and tap it on a hard surface to settle the soil. Add more and repeat, so that the mix is about a half-inch from the top of the container. Firm the soil with a clean hand or pot bottom. Take a pot label and make shallow rows in the soil about two inches apart from one another.

As a general rule, seed that can be handled with your fingers can be inserted into the furrow without touching one another then covered slightly. Those that are tiny should be sown on the soil surface. Here is a trick to space small seeds: Fold an index card and drop some seed into the fold. Swish it back and forth to spread them out evenly. While holding the index card over the indent, gently tap it. Seeds will pop out nicely spaced from one another. When all your seeds are sown, label the containers and put them in a tray. Top with a clear plastic humidity dome or tented bag as this will help prevent the soil from drying out. Salad containers that come with a top make it easy. Folks often wonder why this step is necessary. Understanding the process of germination helps. Seeds must be kept moist so that the seed coat will soften and crack. Then the root and shoot will emerge.

Now, it is time to place your tray on heating cables designed for seed starting. Seeds will sprout



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

faster and more consistently if you use them. They aren't exactly inexpensive, but will last for decades if used for only a few weeks each season. For those of you who will start a flat or two of plants, save yourself the expense and find a spot in your house that stays in the 70-degree range. I have set plants

on a shelf above the radiator, on top of the freezer, and even close to the woodstove. All will work.

Once seeds have germinated it is time to take the seedlings off the bottom heat and provide them with direct light for 14 hours a day. The easiest way to achieve this is purchase a shop light outfitted with two fluorescent bulbs. If you position the plants just inches away from the lights you will produce the stockiest seedlings possible. I have my lights on a chain suspended from the ceiling where I can raise and lower them to accommodate growing plants.

Good luck with your seed starting endeavors this upcoming week.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Quabbin Visitor Center to host nature photographer March 1

BELCHERTOWN – Nature photographer Dale Monette is the featured speaker at the Quabbin Visitor Center Winter Program Series Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m. It is suitable for all ages. This free public program is entitled, "Voyagers, Visitors and Home," which is also the name of Monette's second book that was recently published.

This book focuses on birds that visit New England just for a stopover during migration, birds that spend months here or birds and mammals that live here and call New England

home. Since his retirement from the Quabbin Visitor Center five years ago, Monette has spent countless hours photographing the region's wildlife and traveling innumerable miles in pursuit of his hobby. His book is a selection of some of the best and most memorable images that he has collected. A special section on the successful bald eagle introduction as a nesting species to Massachusetts that took place at the Quabbin Reservoir during the 1980s by MassWildlife is included in the publication.

The Quabbin Visitor Center is located in the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Quabbin Administration Building at the west end of Winsor Dam in Belchertown. Access to the center is through the Main (West) Quabbin Park entrance on Route 9, three miles east of the Route 9/Route 202 intersection. Seating and attendance are limited and on a first come-first serve basis.

For further information regarding the program, people may contact the center at 413-323-7221.



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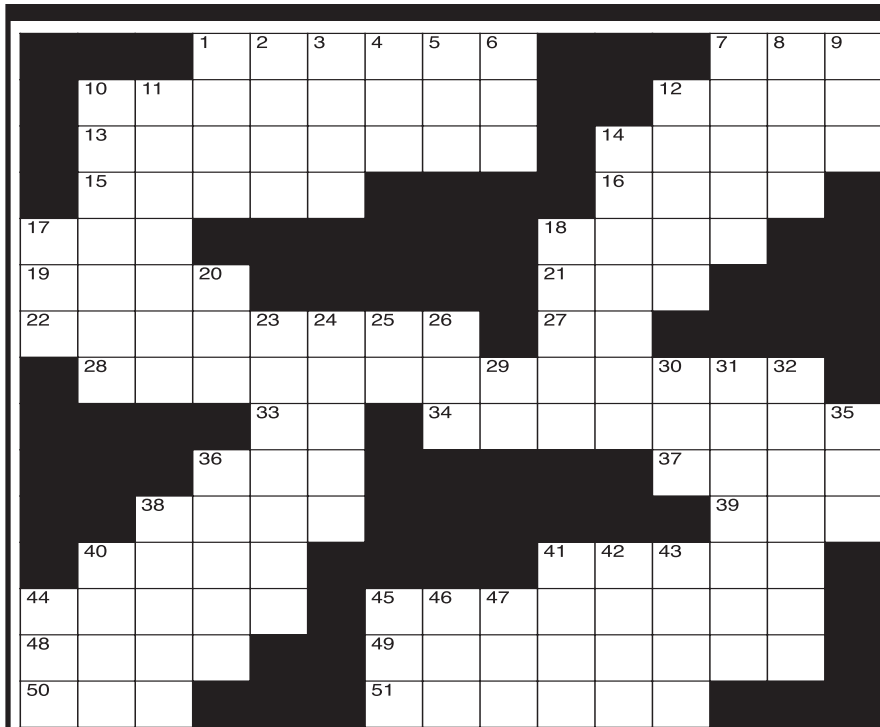
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7. Subdivision
10. A passage to be performed slow
12. Invests in little enterprises
13. Medians
14. Member of the giraffe family
15. Makes official
16. Choose in an election
17. Hill or rocky peak
18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
19. Crest of a hill
21. Small, faint constellation
22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
27. The ancient Egyptian sun god

28. Hollywood tough guy
33. Chinese drums
34. Merits
36. Indicates center
37. Increases motor speed
38. Mentally fit
39. BBQ favorite
40. Wings
41. Female parents
44. Marks left from wounds
45. Soften by soaking in liquid
48. They resist authority (slang)
49. Formats
50. Many subconsciousnesses
51. Vogues

CLUES DOWN

1. Mental object
2. Blackbird

3. Undergarments
4. Old cloth
5. One from Utah
6. Greek goddess of the dawn
7. Become less intense
8. Developed to readiness
9. Defunct phone company
10. About Freemason
11. Taking everything into account
12. Famed Czech engineer
14. Impress into silence
17. Boxing term
18. Marketplaces
20. Pounds per square inch
23. Locomotives
24. Short musical composition

25. Football position (abbr.)
26. Heavyhearted
29. Denotes particular region
30. Famed NHLer
31. Ingested too much
32. Formulates
35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
36. Broad, shallow craters
38. Thick cuts
40. Breezed through
41. Breakfast is one
42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
43. Periodicals (slang)
44. Indian title of respect
45. More (Spanish)
46. Creation
47. A loud utterance

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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, FEB. 27

‘CIRCLE OF TRUST’ will be held in the Reading Room on the main floor of the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre at 5:30 p.m. A Circle of Trust is a place to meet kindred souls. All are welcome. There is no set agenda, the group will lead the discussion. There is no charge and all are invited to engage to whatever level they feel they are comfortable. Participants may bring a piece of poetry to share if they wish. This program is free and open to the public and there is no registration required. For more information, people may visit the calendar on the library website, barrelibrary.org, or call 978-355-2533.

MOC CFCE PLAYGROUPS will be held on Thursdays at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre from 10:30-11:45 a.m. All MOC Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) playgroups are free with focus on early literacy, cognitive development and STEM and sponsored by Making Opportunity Count with funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care.

BOOK SALE will be held at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Memorial Rd., Hardwick now through Feb. 29. The Friends of the Paige Memorial Library have new books on the shelves in the lower level of the library. Hours are Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, people may contact the library at 413-477-6704, email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com, visit www.facebook.com/paigelibrary/ or www.paigelibrary.com.

SENIOR YOGA will be held at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre from 9-10 a.m. Thursdays and Tuesdays. Cost is \$5. These sessions are “chair yoga,” which means you remain seated (no getting up and down off the floor, etc.). They are primarily stretching, breathing and meditation exercises, which are not physically demanding. For more information, people may visit www.listeningwellness.org or call 978-355-3501. People do not need to be a senior to participate.

POOL will be played daily at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 9 a.m.

BINGO will be played daily at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 10:15 a.m.

WHIST will be played daily at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 10:30 a.m.

SENIOR LUNCH will be offered at the Barre

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week’s mystery photo is from Barre. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, March 2. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week’s edition. Robert Augustine, Paul Carlson, Dick Clark and Rosemary Horan correctly identified last week’s photo. Last week’s photo was one of the new signs located on Rte.122A Rutland.

Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre Monday through Friday at 11:45 a.m. Call Jayne at 978-355-5027 to reserve your meal or Worcester Elder Services at 508-799-8070 and a \$2.50 donation is appreciated.

BARRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 18 Common St., is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and always by appointment. To schedule an appointment, people may call Margaret Marshall at 978-257-7653. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about local history.

STORY TIME for 3 years olds will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Rutland Free Public

Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. For more information, people may stop by the library or call 508-886-4108.

FREE KNITTING LESSONS will be offered at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville for anyone that is 12 years of age or older. The lessons will be offered on Thursdays from 2:30-4 p.m. and will be free of charge. Knitting needles and yarn will be supplied. For more information, people may stop by or call the library at 413-477-6312.

WALKING CLUB will be held at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston Thursdays and Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

HUBBARDSTON SENIOR CENTER MEALS BY MOC will be offered at the center, Main St., Hubbardston Thursdays and Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

FUNDAMENTALS OF ART will be held at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Rd., Hardwick, every Thursday from 5-7 p.m. This program is for those who want to explore art media, to share ideas or to just work in a group setting. For more information, people may call 413-477-6704, email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com, visit www.paigelibrary.com or www.facebook.com/paigelibrary.

‘THE NAUGHTY BUT NICE STITCHERS’ KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB meets at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville every Thursday from 2:30-4 p.m. New people with any skill level are always welcome to join the group. In addition to their own hand-crafted projects, they will be making hats, mittens and sweaters for children in Gilbertville as well as contributing some of these items to the World Vision/Knit for Kids Organization. The Naughty but Nice Stitchers are asking for donations of unused yarns and size 7 or 8 knitting needles for use on these projects. For more information, people may stop by or call the library at 413-477-6312.

TEA AT THREE will be held at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Rd., Hardwick on Thursdays at 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend and enjoy tea (or coffee), treats and talk. For more information, people may email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com, call 413-477-6704 or visit either www.facebook.com/paigelibrary/ or www.paigelibrary.com.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

FREE CHILDREN’S KARATE CLASS for children ages 7-12, will be held in the yoga studio at Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., Barre from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Children can learn what karate is in a safe, positive, and friendly environment. Children learn confidence, concentration, and self-control, along with balance, coordination, and improved self-esteem through karate movements and techniques in a positive social environment. All children ages 7-12 are welcome, and no prior experience is necessary. Instructor Brad Warren has over 50 years experience in teaching karate to adults and children, and self defense for women. For more information or to register for this class, people may contact Brad at Gojuryukarate@aol.com or call Brad Warren’s Karate at 978-355-6196. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required.

INFORMATION MEETING ON BECOMING A TUTOR FOR ADULT STUDENTS through Literacy Volunteers of Orange/Athol (LVOA) will be held at Athol Public Library, 568 Main St., Athol from 10 a.m. to noon. Learn about LVOA’s adult tutoring

program and becoming a volunteer literacy tutor. Presenter Louise Dowd is LVOA’s coordinator and a literacy specialist. Free 18-hour tutor training course begins March 5. For more information, people may call 978-249-5381 or email lvoa01331@gmail.com, leave a phone number, email or mailing address to be sent a sign-up form.

MOC CFCE PLAYGROUPS will be held on Fridays at the Hardwick Youth/Family Center, located above the police station/municipal offices, 307 Main St., Gilbertville from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All MOC Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) playgroups are free with focus on early literacy, cognitive development and STEM and sponsored by Making Opportunity Count with funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care.

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION meets at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre every Friday morning at 10 a.m. for creation and conversation. All are welcome to attend.

CRIBBAGE will be played at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston at 1:30 p.m.

ADULT COLORING GROUP will be held on the first, third, fourth and fifth Friday of every month at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville from 6-7 p.m. The library will provide supplies and people are welcome to bring their own. For more information, people may call the library at 413-477-6312.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CLUB (CYC) will meet on Fridays at New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., South Barre from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Christian Youth Club features food, games/activities and age-appropriate Bible discussions for those who attend (K-12). This is a great place to make friends, have fun, and discover how faith in Christ can impact daily living. There is no cost to participate. . For more information, people may contact Pastor James Foley at 978-355-6407 or visit www.NewLifeBarre.org.

MOTHER GOOSE TIME for 0-2 year olds will be held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the Rutland Free Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. For more information, people may stop by the library or call 508-886-4108.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP will be offered by the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC and Faith and Family Hospice of Marlborough in the church office, 36 North Main St., West Brookfield on Fridays at 5 p.m. Sessions will be offered for 6 weeks with a 2 week break between the next. There is no limit to the number of times an individual can sign up for this program. The group is open to all ages and all kinds of losses. People may call the church office at 508-867-7078 to indicate they will be attending or email 1stcongo.westbrookfield@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 29

‘SAVE MONEY WITH WINSERTS’ PROGRAM will be held at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre at 10:30 a.m. Learn about this method of saving money, how Winserts work, how to assemble them, and how to repair them if they break. This program is offered to help educate the community as well as to repair some of the damaged Winserts at the library. For more information on Winserts, people may visit northquabbinenergy.org. This program is free and open to the public and there is no registration required. For more information, people may visit the calendar on the library website, barrelibrary.org, or call 978-355-2533.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP “Active Hope: How To Face The Mess We’re In Without Going Crazy” will be co-facilitated by Willow Embry and Rita Renee Toll-DuBois in Listening Wellness Center’s Yoga Studio, 35 South St., Barre on Sundays through March 15 from 3-4:30 p.m. The Active Hope book discussion group is free and all are welcome. Please RSVP by Feb. 2 to willowembry@gmail.com. You will be sent a follow-up email with the agenda for the 6 book discussion groups with further details and any changes and updates.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

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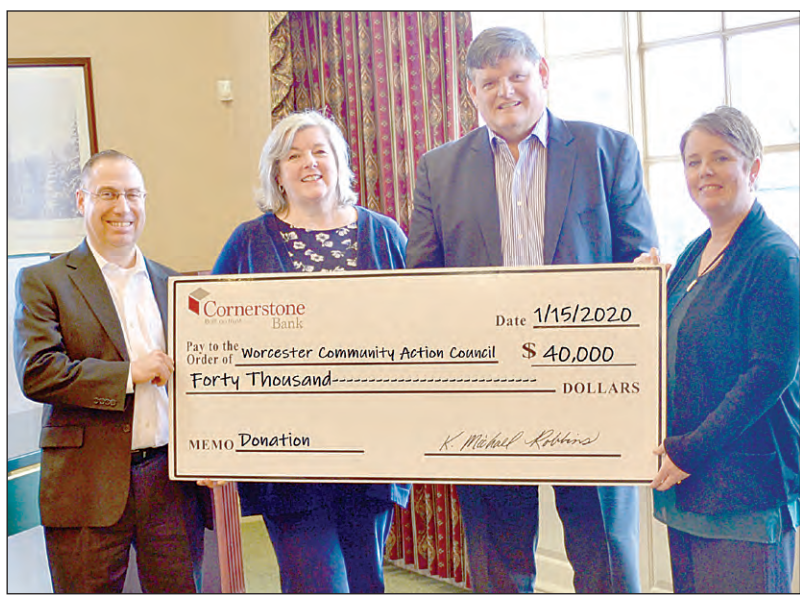
WORCESTER – Cornerstone Bank is proud to announce its recent donation of \$40,000 to the Worcester Community Action Council (WCAC). This major financial contribution will go toward assisting local residents with home heating costs.

WCAC is a Worcester-based agency for central Massachusetts, dedicated to helping people move toward economic self-sufficiency through programs, partnerships, and advocacy. This donation will support the agency's Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund. Every year, this fund provides critical support to clients who are most vulnerable to high home heating costs and whose needs often extend beyond what they receive in federal assistance.

"WCAC is a vital organization that helps people gain economic self-sufficiency," stated Cornerstone Bank chairman and CEO K. Michael Robbins. "We're proud to support their mission and the many programs they provide to the community and its residents."

"We are pleased to contribute to such a worthwhile agency that provides critical support to many local individuals and families," added bank president and treasurer Todd M. Tallman. "We are committed to helping our neighbors stay warm during the winter season."

The Worcester Community Action Council is the federally-designated community action council agency for central Massachusetts. Each year, they assist over 75,000 people living in Worcester and surrounding towns



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Shown from left are Cornerstone Bank president and treasurer Todd M. Tallman; WCAC director of energy resources Mary E. Knittle; Cornerstone Bank chairman and CEO K. Michael Robbins and WCAC director of development Ellen M. Ganley.

through a variety of economic self-sufficiency and emergency programs. For more information about the WCAC, people may visit them online at www.wcac.net or by calling 508-754-1176.

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Cornerstone Bank opens new Loan Center

WORCESTER – Cornerstone Bank opened its new Loan Center in Westborough at 45 Lyman St., Suite 20, Westborough.

Cornerstone Bank is a trusted financial institution with established and experienced lenders, who understand the financial needs of the MetroWest market and its customers. The Loan Center is conveniently located in Westborough to provide customers in the MetroWest area easier access to its full team of mortgage lenders. "We are extremely excited to welcome customers and team members to the Westborough Loan Center," stated Cornerstone Bank SVP of Retail Lending Scott L. Auen. "Cornerstone Bank delivers a customer experience based on a foundation of trust. We still value a personal touch in the lending process, centered on quick local decision-making and customized solutions."

"We are thrilled to officially open our doors in Westborough," stated Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. "Expanding into the MetroWest area was a natural progression for our bank."

In addition to the Loan Center,



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the bank currently has thirteen branches across central Mass. and offers full-service banking for their customers' deposit and lending needs.

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es, and communities throughout Central Massachusetts from offices in Charlton, Holden, Leicester, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Warren, Webster and Worcester along with a Loan Center in Westborough.

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welcome and appreciated, made possible through generous donations from Petersham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency and sponsors including Avidia Bank and Cherie Benoit Realty. There is a cash bar and Shepherd's pie meal with salad and homemade Irish soda

bread will be served from 4:30-7:30 p.m. for \$10. Cookies from Cakes by Amanda, hot dogs and a potato bar will also be available for sale throughout the night. An Irish themed raffle includes a beautiful lamp from Reflections and tickets to "A Celtic Sojourn" in Northampton. To learn more, people may go to www.poluscenter.org.email or call Theresa or Bob Kane at 978-270-2457.

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Between a great deal of creativity and the use of the wonderful backdrop of the library, Thistle and the friends group designed each hole into something that somehow tied into the space it was near.

"My favorite hole was number seven, where the snake went from the second floor to the first floor, making it kind of an automatic hole in one," said Sedler; whose main job over the weekend was a runner – shuttling golfer's coats to the finish line and taking all the used putters with golf balls back to the first hole.

The entire course was spread throughout the three floors of the historic and beautiful building. For a small fee, golfers would begin on the second floor, otherwise known as the children's room, make their way to the first floor and eventually wrap things up on the ground floor where prizes and goodies awaited at the popular 19th hole.

Holes were evenly distributed with six on each floor and included themes of dinosaurs, Dr. Seuss, the Wizard of Oz and more on the children's floor, romance, thrillers and even a hole with pictures of Erasmus and Elvira Haston, the benefactors of the library on the first floor and finally holes that featured sports, cooking and additional subjects that helped to conclude the course on the basement level.

The only slight exception was the hole Sedler was referring to, a snake like tube that began in a small room off the children's section at the top of a set of stairs and winded down to the adult area on the first floor.

Sedler also helped his mother Dawn, a friends' member, on her special project for the first hole – a huge silver space ship.

"I love this," said eight-year old golfer P.J. Lucier, while he was concentrating on his game by the Hollywood Walk of Fame and movie hole. "I like going up and down the stairs seeing all the different holes."

Lucier's mother, Heather, was thrilled to support the library and glad for something local to do with

her family.

"I think this is a great fundraiser," Heather Lucier said. "My son P.J. has his Cub Scout meetings here sometimes and my daughter, Aria, loves coming to the library and sitting with the children's librarian, Miss. Rosemary."

The impressive course was set up after hours last Thursday night and hosted over 70 people between Friday and Saturday afternoons.

"We wanted to make sure we held it on a school vacation day," Thistle said. "I think it's helped people to see what we have, regarding the library materials, as people have to go through the entire library to golf."

Members of the friends group, who were volunteering also thought the event sparked interest in both the regular patrons and others who were first time visitors.

"It's a nice marketing tool," said friends' member Shirley Cummings. "It got new people to come in and hopefully they will come back as patrons. One young man has lived in town for three years and had never come to the library until this weekend to golf. He said he would be back."

Aside from this smaller fundraiser, the friends runs two other fundraisers during the year – an annual fall appeal donation drive and the annual book sale getting ready to happen over the next few weeks.

Friends' president Jan Moran mentioned she wished more people in the community had stopped by for the fun mini golfing event.

"A lot of work by a small amount of people went into this," Moran said. "One family even came twice."

The Robinson family from North Brookfield was finishing up their game when they stopped to express their thoughts on the event.

"It's difficult in the winter to find something fun to do that's close by," said Keri Robinson, mother of eight-year old Max and five-year old Milo who were both having a great time.

"It's cool to see the library come together for the community and offer something fun," said father Scott Robinson. "It's nice to know this is a safe place to go."

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SPORTS

Panthers fall in Clark opener

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

WORCESTER - Although things didn't go quite as planned, the Quabbin boys basketball team can hold their heads high, regardless of falling 45-40 to Westboro last Monday afternoon in the first round of Clark Tournament action in the heart of Worcester.

"Achieving the opportunity to play at the Clark Tournament, on the college court is always an honor," said Panther senior and game leading scorer Croix Jenkins with 15 points. "However, this does not take away greatly from the dissatisfaction of defeat."

Facing last year's Clark Champions in the larger school category was not going to be easy, and unfortunately after a quick and sole Quabbin lead in the first quarter, Westboro stepped in and never looked back.

"We fell behind 10-2 and had to call a precious time out to reset and refocus," said Quabbin head coach Dennis Dextradeur. "After the first few minutes, it was an evenly played game and we actually outplayed them in the second half. The loss of that early time out hurt us at the end of the game, with no time outs available."

Although the Rangers (13-7) were only sixth seed to the Panthers (15-5) third, Westboro had a deep roster and proved challenging for Quabbin.

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Panther senior Dylan Hoekstra battles a Westboro opponent for the ball.



Quabbin junior Brendan Whitelaw controls the ball last week when competing at the Clark Tournament in Worcester



Quabbin junior Devin Pride hustles on the floor against Westboro.



Photos by Karen A. Lewis

Quabbin junior Shea Skowrya jumps for a potential rebound and watches as the first Panther basket of the game gets scored by Brendan Whitelaw.



Panther senior T.J. Chamberlain is full steam ahead to the hoop.

Relay team sets school record



Quabbin's Regional High School's 4 by 800 meter indoor relay team (Lukas Anderson, Elliot Walsh, Bailey Metcalf and Ben Hood) broke the school record at the All-State Championship Meet with their 8:27.85 performance. The previous school record (8:29.03) was set in 1997 by Forest Wilber, Dan Ostiguy, Dan Pearson and David Marcinowski. The foursome finished second place the weekend before at the State Division 4 Championship meet.

Final vote for state tournament looms

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – It comes down to a meeting scheduled for Friday, Feb. 28 at 9:45 a.m. to decide whether the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association will move forward with a proposal to have a statewide postseason tournament, and eliminate the sectional tournaments.

The vote will take place at special meeting of the Board of Directors at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School beginning at 9:45 a.m.

The meeting will be held for representatives from the 380 members schools, all of which will have a vote on the proposal.

For Western and Central Massachusetts, the statewide tournament proposal would create a 32-team state tournament with additional teams vying to qualify by a .500 record.

It would eliminate the sectional tournaments that currently take place in most sports.

Overall, the proposal has seen some resistance from many ath-

letic directors in Western Mass., who believe the statewide proposal favors the eastern part of the state.

Another contentious issue is how the teams will be ranked. Because of the diversity of teams and leagues in Western Massachusetts, the region has used the Walker system for many years. It factors elements like wins, wins against other qualifying teams, and strength of schedule, applying point values to teams in certain leagues.

The Western Mass. tournament, starting next year, and then state tournaments, if they are voted through for the fall 2021, would be ranked using MaxPreps.

One of many questions brought up during various informational meetings and discussions about the proposal is how exactly MaxPreps will rank the teams. However the rankings system is not made very clear. Coaches and athletic directors will be required to enter win-loss and result information to the MaxPreps website, but the formula to determine rankings is "propri-

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Indians double up St. Mary's, head for tournament

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

NORTH BROOKFIELD - Wrapping up the regular season, celebrating another league championship and moving on to districts have been just a few of the exciting things happening with the North Brookfield girls basketball team over the last couple of weeks.

Last Monday after a 40-20 win on the road against St. Mary's, the Indians were officially crowned Worcester County League champs for the second year in a row – they shared the title with Trivium in 2018.

"We were able to win the league because our young team is starting to develop and come together as a team," said North Brookfield coach Lyndsey Bennett. "Everyone is starting to step up and have a role, and when everyone does their job, we come together as a whole."

Despite the loss to Athol (55-41) at home a mere 24 hours after the St. Mary victory, the team has used the last regular season contest as a learning tool for the preparation needed for post season play.

"I knew this game would give us a better chance at districts and I really wanted the win, so I practiced a lot before and focused on the game," said Indian and top team scorer Kelly Daige with 18 points.

Although on paper North Brookfield looked better at 13-7 (11-1 Worcester County League) compared to Athol at 6-11, the scoring power of guest Haley Bigwood with 27 game high points threw a wrench in the Indians' plans for a last regular season win at home.



North Brookfield sophomore Kelly Daige looks for the open teammate while Coach Lyndsey Bennett looks on.

"She was a very quick, athletic player who really stepped it up the second half," Bennet said about Bigwood. "Her defense became very active and the pressure caused us to turn it over and that's when she flew up the court and got her fast break points."

It also didn't help when North Brookfield got into foul trouble in the fourth quarter, losing Serenity Ayala who followed Daige with 12 points including six steals and cap-



North Brookfield captain Brianna Quillitzzsch gets tough on defense.

tain Lyndsey Schimmelpenning pulling down 10 rebounds.

After a 22-20 small Athol lead at the half, Daige managed to help her team grab one of the only North Brookfield leads of the evening when she nailed a three-pointer, breaking a 28-28 tie halfway into the third.

But Athol and Bigwood kept storming back, as Bigwood managed to draw fouls and flip the score back to an Athol advantage



Lady Indian Serenity Ayala plans her attack.

(38-37) at the start of the final quarter.

"I thought we competed well with them," commented Bennett. "The first half was back and forth within a few points and we did well shutting their lead scorers down. In the fourth we had many turnovers from bad passing. That's when they beat us down the court in transition and we just didn't get back to stop the lay up."

What had looked like anyone's



North Brookfield eighth grader Lola Sukharev travels down the court.

game in the first three quarters started to gradually shift to Athol's favor during a 9-0 run until North Brookfield eighth grader Evelyn Doe finally put points on the board for her team with 3:49 left to go in the game.

"I thought we stayed with them throughout the game, but our energy wore out and we started to give up at the end when they pulled

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Webb tournament to take place in March

CHICOPEE — This year marks the 35th year Kevin Vann has enjoyed coaching youth basketball—and for 16 of those years, he has provided young people in Greater Springfield and Northern Connecticut with the chance to play in a competitive tournament.

As the founder of the George Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament, which supports the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, Vann was proud to announce this year to sponsors and participants that the event topped the \$200,000 fundraising mark in 2019.

"Thank you for standing with me over the past 16 years, supporting the kids of the club," he said. "I have a deep passion for basketball, yet my 35 years of coaching pales in comparison to the 108 years that the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee has been there every day for the now 358 boys and girls of this city. They are children who desperately need encouragement, companionship, challenge and opportunity to help them grow into responsible and respected human beings."


The largest basketball tournament of its kind, the 15-day event tips off on March 13 at the club, ending on March 28. Each year, the tourney draws hundreds of spectators to watch more than 40 teams of boys and girls play.

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Western Mass. Basketball Bracketology

Editor’s Note: These brackets represent Turley Sports picks for the upcoming basketball tournaments. They are for the enjoyment of our readers. Please play along and compare your brackets to ours and see if you can pick the winners, too.

DIVISION 1 BOYS


Quarter Finals		Final Four	Finals	Champions
1	Central (19-1)	Central	Central	 Central
4	Commerce (14-6)			
5	Holyoke (11-9)			
2	Putnam (15-5)	Putnam	Putnam	
7				
3	Sci-Tech (16-4)			
6	Minnechaug (12-8)	Sci-Tech		

Division 1 Boys

Central had a bounce-back season after losing a few games last season. The Golden Eagles lost just once this season. Holyoke will reach the semifinals, but will fall to Central. Putnam and Sci-Tech will go at it in the other semifinal, with Putnam prevailing. Central beats Putnam in the finals.

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DIVISION 2 BOYS

Quarter Finals		Final Four	Finals	Champions
1	Chicopee (16-4)	Chicopee	Chicopee	 Chicopee
4	Quabbin (15-5)			
5	Tantasqua (13-7)			
2	Longmeadow (13-7)	Longmeadow	Taconic	
7	Ludlow (10-10)			
3	Taconic (16-4)			
6	Belchertown (9-11)	Taconic		


Division 2 Boys

Chicopee continues to get better and earns the top seed in the D2 tourney. We think this year will be the Pacers' year, led by 1,000-point scorer Kobe Parker. Ludlow and Belchertown will reach tournament for the first time in a while. But both will fall to more experienced playoff teams.

DIVISION 3 BOYS

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DIVISION 3 BOYS

Round 1		Quarter Finals		Final Four		Finals		Champions		Finals		Final Four		Quarter Finals		Round 1	
1	Narragansett (18-2)	Narragansett		Mt. Greylock		Wahconah		<div></div> <div>Frontier</div> <div>Division 3 Boys</div> <div>Back in Division 3, South Hadley will make some noise in this year's tournament after a bounce-back season. But Frontier and Wahconah will make the finals with Frontier pulling through in the finals of the D3 tournament.</div>		Frontier		South Hadley		Sabis		2	Sabis (12-8)
8	Greenfield (13-7)															7	South Hadley (14-6)
9	Mt. Greylock (14-6)															10	Mahar (10-10)
4	Wahconah (15-5)	Wahconah		Wahconah		Wahconah		Frontier		Frontier		Frontier		3	Frontier (16-4)		
13	Hoosac (10-10)													14	Athol (9-11)		
5	Renaissance (16-4)													6	Monument Mtn (15-5)		
12	Murdock (14-6)	Renaissance		Wahconah		Wahconah		Frontier		Frontier		Monument Mtn		11	Palmer (11-9)		

DIVISION 3 GIRLS

Division 3 Boys
Back in Division 3, South Hadley will make some noise in this year’s tournament after a bounce-back season. But Frontier and Wahconah will make the finals with Frontier pulling through in the finals of the D3 tournament.

DIVISION 3 GIRLS

Round 1	Quarter Finals	Final Four	Finals	Champions	Finals	Final Four	Quarter Finals	Round 1
1 Wahconah (16-4)	Wahconah	Frontier	Wahconah	 Hoosac	Hampshire	Hampshire	2 Hampshire (13-7)	
8 Frontier (14-6)							7 South Hadley (11-9)	
9 Palmer (10-10)							10 Mahar (12-8)	
4 Greenfield (15-5)	Greenfield	Greenfield	Division 3 Girls South Hadley is no longer the top seed, paving the way for Wahconah and Hoosac to make the finals without much difficulty this year. We pick Wahconah over Greenfield in a competitive semifinal. Hoosac, with a win over Division 1 Minnechaug, should win the final.		Hoosac	Hoosac	3 Hoosac (14-6)	
5 Sabis (11-9)							6 Granby (10-10)	
12 Easthampton (12-8)							11 Mt. Greylock (10-10)	


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DIVISION 4 BOYS

Round 1	Quarter Finals	Final Four	Finals	Champions	Finals	Final Four	Quarter Finals	Round 1	
1 Bay State Academy (14-6)	Bay State Academy	Granby	 Monson	Hopkins	Drury	Drury	2 Drury (13-7)		
8 Duggan (16-4)							7 Turners Falls (10-10)		
9 Granby (10-10)							10 Franklin Tech (14-6)		
4 Monson (14-6)	Monson	Division 4 Boys An interesting bracket with varied strengths of schedule for many of the top teams involved. We pick Monson to win. They had a tough schedule and won a lot of games by big scores. They also have Logan Gerry, who notched 1,000 points this season.			Hopkins	Hopkins	3 Hopkins (13-7)		
13 Smith Voke (9-11)							6 Ware (11-9)		
5 Lenox (12-8)							11 Hampden Charter (14-6)		
12 Westfield Tech (9-9)	Lenox						Hampden Charter		


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DIVISION 4 GIRLS

Round 1	Quarter Finals	Final Four	Finals	Champions	Finals	Final Four	Quarter Finals	Round 1
1 Monson (18-2)	Monson	Putnam	Monson	<div> Monson Division 4 Girls The largest bracket in the tournament with 15 teams qualifying. Monson was by far the best team in the Division and is our pick to win it all. Ware had another great season, and will get to the finals this season with a big win over Lenox.</div>	Ware	Ware	Pioneer	2 Ware (15-5)
8 North Brookfield (13-7)								15 Gateway (10-10)
9 Putnam (11-9)	Lee	Franklin Tech	Monson		Ware	Lenox	Hopkins	7 McCann Tech (11-9)
4 Lee (11-9)								10 Pioneer (10-10)
13 St. Mary (11-7)	Franklin Tech	Franklin Tech	Monson		Ware	Lenox	Hopkins	3 Lenox (13-7)
5 Franklin Tech (17-3)								14 Duggan (10-10)
12 Pathfinder (12-8)	Franklin Tech	Franklin Tech	Monson		Ware	Lenox	Hopkins	6 Hopkins (12-8)

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DIVISION 1 GIRLS

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1	Central (12-7)	Central	Holyoke	Central	 Central
4	Westfield (11-9)				
5	Holyoke (10-10)				
2	Minnechaug (16-4)	Minnechaug	Chicopee	Chicopee	
3	Chicopee (14-6)				

Division 1 Girls

Central is tough to knock off, but Minnechaug managed it earlier this season. But Central has come along of late. Minnechaug had a strong season, but the injury of a top player could hurt in the playoffs. We pick Chicopee to come out and challenge Central for the title.

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DIVISION 2 GIRLS

Quarter Finals

Final Four

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1

Northampton (14-6)

8

Pittsfield (10-10)

4

E. Longmeadow (13-7)

5

Tantasqua (15-5)

2

Longmeadow (13-7)

7

Amherst (15-5)

3

Taconic (18-2)

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Division 2 Girls

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“Westboro was a complete team, no one player stood out as a player to stop, everyone from their team contributed points, making them difficult to focus on defensively,” stated Jenkins.

The Panthers also struggled a bit offensively. “It seemed like every time we were one possession away from tying the game or taking the lead, our shot just didn’t find the bottom of the net,” added Dextradeur.

After two quarters and trailing 27-21 at the half, Quabbin was determined to chip away at the lead and got a big burst from junior Brendan Whitelaw when he connected for a three pointer, followed by an added point by teammate Shea Skowyra on the foul line to get them within range, 33-29 with about three minutes left in the third.

“The game was a lot of fun to play in and was very competitive,” Whitelaw said. “Westboro was a very good three-point shooting team and a hard-working team.”

The Rangers continued to fire back, not allowing any Quabbin rush to pull their momentum and at one point even stretched their lead to ten, with all but one player on the roster getting on the scoreboard - their biggest point earner Jackson Katz with 11.

“Defensively, Westboro is a strong team that has demonstrated they will not let a team come back from a big lead,” shared Dextradeur. “Their strength is team defense and ball pressure. The press didn’t bother us, but it did take time off the clock and limited our scoring choices. In addition, we had several shot clock violations that hurt us in the turnover department.”

Stats wise, both teams had their strengths. From the floor, Quabbin shot 31 percent to Westboro’s 35, but had a higher percentage on the free throw line (60 percent) and with team rebounds (37) to their opponent – 53 percent on the line and 29 rebounds.

Turnovers certainly hurt the Panthers, as their 18 resulted in 19 Ranger points, compared to eight Ranger turnovers adding only five Panther points.

And five was the fateful number Quabbin just couldn’t get past, as Jenkins fourth trey of the day pushed the score to 45-40 deep in the fourth, where it would stay with three minutes of regulation time left in the game.

“Our seniors played their hearts out and left nothing on the floor this game,” said Dextradeur. “Croix played perhaps his best game of his career at both ends and Dylan Hoekstra was a factor on the defensive side as he always has been. I’m very proud and happy for them that they earned the right to play in this prestigious tournament.”

Dextradeur also recognized senior Max Leroux and Hoekstra for being able to handle the Ranger pressure and creating scoring opportunities, Whitelaw for having a bust out game - following behind high scorer Jenkins with 12 points, and Skowyra for helping the team with 12 rebounds.

“Shea and Connor Geary demonstrated that both not only belonged in the tournament, but can lead us in the future,” said Dextradeur. “Ryan Kowal and Devin Pride have really surged the last third of the season and performed with confidence against Westboro.”

Looking ahead Jenkins and his teammates are focusing on the big dance, hosting the first round of playoff action as the fourth seed against fifth seed Tantasqua Friday evening at Quabbin at 7:00 p.m.

“As a team we have looked to RALF: Recognize, Admit, Learn and Forget the game,” concluded Jenkins. “We have had to do this quickly, knowing we have another big game coming up, and we have to grow from our loss, such that we can be better and not lose in the playoffs. Tantasqua is a familiar opponent for us, having played them a number of times in summer and fall leagues. We are excited to be able to play in front of our home crowd in districts.”

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ahead,” said Daige. “I think with their strong zone it was hard for me to drive to the hoop or post up, so I had to improvise and start looking for the midrange shot instead,” added Ayala.

Despite the wrinkle with Athol, the team has been proud of their accomplishments, was ranked eighth seed and looks forward to hosting ninth seed Putnum from Springfield on Feb. 24, for the first round of the district tournament.

“We have worked hard and focused on every team we’ve played,” admitted Daige. “Everyone contributes and we boost each other up.”

By Dave Smigiel

Kibbe's Saw Mill has leapfrogged the Narutowicz in the hunt for the "wildcard" playoff berth as they had no problem downing them 7-0. Tony Burke with 101, Jim Quinlin with 102 and Dave Burke with 103 combined in the first to counter Lee Robinson's excellent 123 resulting in a 16-pin victory. Lee came back with a 107 second, however, Tony's 115 and Jim's 100 produced an easy win. In the third, it was Jim's 120 and Tyler Kibbe's 100 that settled the issue. Jim topped the victors at 322 with Tony at 301 while Lee was the top barman at 330. Pinfall by 101 for Kibbe's.

Despite dropping a 5-2 decision to the Cannonballs, the Incredibowls have extended their Western lead to five over the Towicz. Keith Marchessault with 355 (111, 118, 126) and Micah Hinckley with 331 (112, 105, 114) combined to lead the Cannonball attack. The Incredibowls lone points came in the second as Aaron Plankey's super 139 along with Steve Swistak's 104 and Billy Brunk's 105 secured the win by 10. Steve added singles of 126 and 116 and led his quartet at 346. Aaron followed at 332 while Peter Swistak chipped in with 109 and 308. Pinfall to the Cannonballs by 41.

In the Central, the Night Hawks opened with easy wins in the first two and went on to defeat Fire Mountain 5-2 taking pinfall by 86. Darryl Sinclair led the way as his league leading 366 resulted from strings of 106, 127 and 133. Aiding was Gavin Sinclair at 331 (137 and 104) and Dave Fennyery 308 (112 and 104). The Hawks fell one skinny little pin shy of a sweep as Bob LaPlante's 100, Gary

Delisle's 108 and Rick Trott's 104 led the trick. Rick also tossed a 108 and led his squad at 305.

Sandri kept pace with the Hawks as they slipped past the Snappers 5-2. Sue Horton was the top gun for Sandri as her 343 resulted from strings of 116, 117 and 110. Randy Harper was right behind at 339 (114 and 129) with Rich Picotte at 335 (122, 107, 106). Kevin Krasnecky led the opposition with his 115 and 315. Ryan Balicki contributed 111 and 309 while Rusty Lambert totaled 307 (120 and 107). Pinfall by 64 to Sandri.

The Slow Burners surprised the Fans of Kayce Smith 5-2 by winning strings one and three. Deano Koczur was the Burners best at 339 (111, 105, 123). Nate Orszulak added 321 (107 and 116) while Jody Orszulak chipped in with 105 and 108 singles and Scotty Radisic a 112 first. They won the third by 10 pins. Tom Clauson topped the Fans at 361 (136, 113, 112) while Mike Nicholson followed at 353 (106, 129, 118). Brian Rowe added 107 and 304. The Burners won the pinfall battle by 13 pins.

Zeke's Freaks took advantage of their 51-pin handicap to upset Roll-A-Way 5-2. In the first it was Zeke Sicard's 100 and Steve Orszulak's 106 that offset Kylie Josefiak's 117 and Dan Gauthier's 118 resulting in an eight-pin win. Zeke's took the second handily as Ryan Breen's 101 countered Phil Clough's 128. Ed Stachowicz would add a 116 third, however, Roll-A-Way would secure the points by eight as Dan's 129 and Phil's 113 would decide it. Ed topped the Freaks at 306 while Shoe led his foursome at 346 with Phil at 343 and Kylie 307. Pinfall by 29 to the Freaks.

Vann founded the George Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament in 2005 to honor his late friend, George Webb, who died of cancer at age 52 in 2004. A basketball player who shot hoops at the club on Tuesday evenings, Webb rarely lost a game, and, Vann said, "When he did, he showed true sportsmanship to whoever he was playing against."

Vann and his business, The Vann Group of Springfield, a professional services outsourcing company, have sponsored the tournament since its start. And it has been held

“The George Webb Basketball Tournament embodies the values of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee,” Vann said. “It’s an even competition for teams of boys and girls aged 8 to 13 who have varying abilities as ball players.”

For the second year in a row, Daishany Miller of Chicopee was named the club’s Youth of the Year. To achieve the title of Youth of the Year, a club member must embody the values of leadership and service, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyles. The Youth of the Year serves as a role

Drawn to investigate the club in 2014, Miller, 19, soon adopted it as a second home and learned how to thrive as a leader. “It takes strength to fit in and courage to stand out,” Miller said. “The club is there for me and encourages me to take the steps I need to strive to be a better version of myself.”

Vann said the tournament has allowed thousands of young people to experience the safe haven that is the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, play a sport and develop values that will last them a lifetime.

For more information about the tournament, visit bgcchicopee.org/george-webb-memorial-basketball-tournament/. For information on sponsorship opportunities, visit georgewebbtournament.com or contact Ruth Griggs at (413) 727-3354 or email her at ruth@recomm.com.

Obituaries

Albert Clarence Freeman, 76

BARRE – Albert Clarence Freeman, 76, passed away during the early morning on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020 in Heywood Hospital in Gardner.

Albert was born on Aug 11, 1943 the son of the late Clarence and Lillian (LeMay) Freeman. He leaves his nephew, Michael R. Freeman and wife Cynthia of Oakham; two nieces, Lynette A. LeFrancois and her husband Robert from Sutton and Jennifer Pierce and her husband John of Athol; his sister in law, Annette (Jackson) Freeman and his half brother, Ed Decoteau of



North Brookfield. He was predeceased by a brother, Richard A. Freeman on Oct. 28, 2019.

Albert was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in Vietnam. He joined in 1966 and was stationed in Ft Belvoir Virginia and in Vietnam during the conflict. He returned home in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1972 after completing Army Reserve and National Guard time. He saw a live Bob Hope show in Cam Ranh Bay Vietnam and he would mention this event at different times.

Albert loved to work on his

garden, repair televisions and fix lawn-mowers. He also enjoyed tractor shows and events. He used to have a whole assortment of tubes and parts to repair TVs. Albert also knew how to weld. He worked in saw mills for many years and as a security guard. He also worked at the Barre Foundry and FlexCon in Spencer.

Friends and family are invited to attend a funeral service for Albert on April 16, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery 111 Glenallen St., Winchendon with full military honors. Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre is directing arrangements.

James F. Messier, 77

SOUTH BARRE/WELLS, ME – James F. Messier, age 77, passed away surrounded by his loving family, on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. James was born in Worcester, on Oct. 4, 1942, son of the late Frederick and Mary (Burgess) Messier.

James was a graduate of Barre High School. He was a captain for the Worcester County House of Correction, Transportation Department for 35 years before retiring in 2004. James was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church in Ware. Sadly, his beloved wife



of 54 years, the former Beatrice Helen (Chrusciel) Messier, passed away on Jan. 11, 2019. James leaves behind his loving daughters, Laurie Messier of Wells, Maine and Jamie Farrell of South Barre, two grandchildren, Nicholas and Ashleigh Farrell, who were his pride and joy. He also leaves behind his sister, Mary Sibley of Wells, Maine, nephew, Mark Sibley of Wells, Maine and loving dog, Buddy.

Calling Hours were held on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020 from 4-7 p.m. in the Cebula Funeral

Home Chapel, 66 South St., Ware. A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 at 1 p.m. in St. Mary’s Church, 60 South St., Ware. Burial followed in St. Mary’s Cemetery in Ware.

DEATH NOTICES

Freeman, Albert C.
Died Feb. 16, 2020
Funeral Service April 16, 2020
MA Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Messier, James F.
Died Feb. 19, 2020
Funeral Mass Feb. 24, 2020
St. Mary’s Church

New Life hosts weekly group for children and teens

SOUTH BARRE — New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St. hosts a weekly youth group on Friday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This Christian Youth Club features food, games/activities and age-appropriate Bible discussions for those who attend (K–12). This is a great place to make friends, have fun and discover how faith in Christ can impact daily living. There is no cost to participate. For more information, people may contact Pastor James Foley at 978-355-6407 or visit them online at www.NewLifeBarre.org.

Tri-Parish Community Church news

NEW BRAINTREE – The Tri-Parish Community Church just wants to see if people are paying attention. Last week the church told about the fun they had at the February “fellowship luncheon” and that the March 21 “fellowship supper” would be corned beef and cabbage at 5 p.m. in the New Braintree Congregational Church. Surprise, surprise (as Gomer Pyle would say), it is still all of the above; but pot luck, instead. If people are able to provide something for the main meal or a dessert, that would be welcome. However, that is

not required – just show up and enjoy.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the Tri-Parish Community Church enjoyed a message on the environment from Ridge Shinn of Hardwick. This Sunday, March 1, Rev. Ellis Pelham will be the guest speaker, organist and vocalist at 10 a.m. in the New Braintree Congregational Church. Every service is followed by fellowship time in the church hall. Church membership is not a requirement to attend services. All are welcome – the church wants to grow.

Senate passes breakfast after the bell legislation

BOSTON – Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) and the Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed legislation to fight childhood hunger and boost participation rates in school breakfast programs in the Commonwealth’s high-poverty schools. The bill, An Act regarding breakfast after the bell (S.2460), would require all public K-12 schools with 60 percent or more students eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the federal National School Lunch Program to offer breakfast after the instructional day begins.

“Too many children face food insecurity issues and it is at school where they can be assured of receiving a nutritious meal,” commented Senator Gobi on the bill’s passage. “I have been to area schools that have the program in place and I look forward to seeing all schools participate for the benefit of their students. As a former teacher I know that students who are hungry are less able to focus on their studies. Breakfast after the bell is a positive education

supplement.”

“We have spent the last two years building a strong coalition of support, which includes school stakeholders, hunger advocates and legislators,” said Catherine D’Amato, CEO at The Greater Boston Food Bank, which leads the Rise and Shine Massachusetts coalition. “This is the moment we have been waiting for and we are looking forward to passing a bill that will assist with increasing access to school breakfast to over 150,000 low-income students across Massachusetts.”

Massachusetts currently requires all high-poverty schools to provide breakfast to every eligible student. However, because breakfast is typically offered before the bell and in the cafeteria, participation levels are low— at less than 40 percent— compared to 80-90 percent participation for free and reduced lunch. Moving breakfast from before the bell to after the bell is a proven strategy to boost breakfast participation to ensure that all students

have the nutrition they need to start their day ready to learn.

This legislation would require approximately 600 Massachusetts schools serving low-income students to offer breakfast after the tardy bell through a variety of delivery models, including breakfast in the classroom, grab-and-go, and second-chance breakfast. This flexibility allows school districts to select the model that best fits their students’ needs

As a federally reimbursed program, Breakfast After the Bell has the potential to provide up to \$30 million statewide to Massachusetts school districts that increase participation rates to 80 percent and above. These payments are made directly to school nutrition departments, helping to support jobs, update kitchen equipment, and provide healthier menu options.

Now that the Senate has passed its version, it will move to reconcile the legislation with a similar version that passed the House of Representatives.

Church News

Masses and Services

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Rev. James Callahan, Pastor
Rectory – 978-257-8372
Office - 978-355-2228
Fax 978-355-0042
St. Joseph’s Chapel
On the Common, Barre
MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday – 8:00 a.m.
St. Thomas-a-Becket Church
Vernon Avenue, South Barre
MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday – 4:15 p.m.
Sunday – 10:30 a.m.
Daily Mass - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m.
Confession - Saturday 3 p.m. or by appointment

BARRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ
30 Park Street, Barre
Pastor Margaret Keyser
“We are a caring community of Christ’s followers who, like Jesus, welcome people wherever they are on their journey of faith.”
Church office - 978-355-4041
barrechurch@gmail.com
www.barrechurch.com
Sunday worship 9:30 a.m.
Nursery Care
After Time with the Children in worship, Sunday school for ages pre-school through grade 9 at 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group every other week
Bible study and community resource programs throughout the year.
Community Friendship Supper - third Thursday of each month 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Barre Food Pantry - second Wednesday of each month
Narcotics Anonymous - weekly meeting Tuesday
Alcoholics Anonymous - Heard It Through the Grapevine weekly meeting Thursday
Alcoholics Anonymous - Pay It Forward weekly meeting Saturday

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

60 Main Street, South Barre
Pastor James Foley
Phone: 978-355-6407
Website: www.newlifebarre.org
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Children ages 12 & under are dismissed after worship for Children’s Church until noon.
Thursday Family Night 6-7 p.m.
Friday Christian Youth Club (CYC) 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Children K-12th grade can enjoy activities, supervised free time, music, worship, snack and age-appropriate Bible lessons.

COVENANT EVANGELICAL CHURCH

611 South Street, Barre
Pastor Gary Hayward
Phone: 978-355-8843
www.barre.church/about-us/
contact@cec-barre.net
Sunday Service – 10 a.m.
Adult Sunday School – 9-9:45 a.m. with Pastor Hayward
Jr. Church – K-6 and middle school education is offered to all children during Sunday service.
Fellowship Lunch – First Sunday of each month
Bible Studies – Call church for information
Childcare is available for any infant to preschool age child during Sunday service.

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

58 Church Street, Gilbertville
413-477-6493
Rev. Richard A. Lembo
MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – 8 a.m.
Mass first Friday of month – 6:30 p.m.
Saturday Confession/Reconciliation – 3 p.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m.
Sunday Mass – 7:30 a.m.
Website: www.staloysiuschurch.org

FIRST PARISH UNITARIAN CHURCH ON THE COMMON HUBBARDSTON

978-928-5822
Church Service – 10 a.m.
Sunday School will be at 9 a.m.
Coffee following the service.
The pulpit is filled each week with ministers, seminary students, lay leaders, or visiting musicians. This mix of speakers gives the church a vibrant mix of topics and personalities to deliver the message. All are welcome.

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Youth Fellowship (grades 6-high school) – Sunday Morning from 9:30-10 a.m.
Sunday School (preschool-grade 5) – Sunday Morning from 10-11 a.m.
Family Sunday, Communion, and Children’s Story are held on the first Sunday of each month (no Youth Fellowship or Sunday School)

ST. PETER’S CHURCH

18 North St. (Route 32) Petersham
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor
Tel. Church 978-249-2738
Rectory 978-249-2738
Sunday Mass – 9 a.m.
Coffee social hour after Mass
St. Peter’s Parish Hall

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL PARISH UNITARIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Church Phone #978-724-3401
www.PetershamUnitarian.org

ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONAL

21 North Main St., Petersham
Church 978-724-8808
Sunday worship – 10 a.m.
Rev. David Purdy 336-414-7882
Sunday School - Child Care
Handicapped Accessible

ST. AUGUSTINE’S MISSION

Church Street, Wheelwright
Fr. Richard Lembo
Rectory – 413-477-6493
MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday – 9 a.m.
Thursday – 8 a.m.

Website: www.templeisraelathol.org
Two Saturday Shabbat services a month beginning at 10 a.m. followed by a vegetarian potluck luncheon and Torah study.
(See website for schedule)

TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Tri-Parish Community Church serving the communities of Hardwick, Gilbertville and New Braintree meets on a rotating schedule at the involved churches as follows:
January-April: New Braintree Congregational Church, 3 Oakham Rd, New Braintree
May-August: Trinitarian Congregational Church (the Stone Church) Rte. 32, in Gilbertville
September-December: Hardwick Universalist Church, Hardwick Center
Worship begins at 10 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday School during worship.

In summer, services are at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School is in recess. Further information is available on the website triparishcommunitychurch.com or by contacting triparishccc@gmail.com, by phone 508-867-3306 or by mail at: P.O. Box 202, New Braintree, MA 01531.

SAINT PATRICK PARISH

Father James Boland, Pastor
290 Main St., Rutland Parish Center
9 Pommogussett Rd., Rutland Church Hall - 508-886-3161
Fax - 508-886-2897
Email - info@stpatricksrutland.org
Daily 8 a.m. Masses - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Saturday Mass - 5 p.m.
Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 4-4:30 p.m. or by appointment only.
Sunday Masses - 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

108 New Braintree Rd.(Rte. 67), North Brookfield
Church – 774-289-6068
Sunday Worship – 10 a.m.

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF RUTLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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264 Main St., Rutland
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Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. during the service
Senior High Youth Group on Sundays at 7
Pastor’s Cell - 413-537-8027
Church Office - 508-886-4453
Pastor’s email: dwfish@comcast.net
Church email: rutlanducc@gmail.com
[facebook.com/rutlanducc/](https://www.facebook.com/rutlanducc/)
FirstCongregationalChurchofRutland
Website: www.rutlanducc.org

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST BROOKFIELD

P.O. Box 371
36 North Main St., West Brookfield
Rev. Lisa Durkee Abbott, Pastor
508-867-7078
Sunday worship – 10 a.m.
Sharing Cupboard (serving West Brookfield, Warren and West Warren) - Wednesdays - 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Thursdays - 7-8 p.m. Call the church for more information at 508-867-7078.
Senior choir practice Thursdays – 7:30 p.m.
Seasonal Bible studies
Call church for times and dates

ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

15 Park Avenue, Athol
Rev. William B. Hobbs, Pastor
Church Service is Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.
All faiths welcome.
Sunday School is at 9 a.m.
Church office — 978-249-9553
Website — www.stjohnsathol.com
St. John’s Thrift Shop is open Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon providing quality pre-owned clothing and housewares at reasonable prices.

CHESTNUT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

161 Chestnut St., Gardner
978-632-1978
gardnerumc@gmail.com
Rev. Sela Rousseau, Pastor
Sunday Worship Service - 10 a.m.
Weekly Bible Study - Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal - Sunday 9 a.m.
Website gardnerumc.org



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OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Healthy heart begins with primary care provider

WARE – February is National Heart Month, a perfect time to take charge of heart health and a primary care provider is a great place to begin.

“Heart problems can happen at any age so you are never too young or too old to begin taking care of your heart,” said Dr. Mario Lysse, a primary care provider at Baystate Medical Practice - Quabbin Adult Medicine in Ware. “A healthy life-style at any age can help prevent heart disease and lower your risk for a heart attack or stroke.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, risk factors can increase your risk for heart disease. Some risk factors cannot be controlled, such as age or family history, but people can take steps to lower their risk by changing the factors they can control like high blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking.

“The good news is that it is possible to decrease your risk of heart disease by making changes in the way you live your life,” said Dr. Lysse. “Even if you have a family history of heart disease, the power of prevention is on your side.”

Research shows that when people regularly see their primary care providers their risk of dying of heart disease, strokes and cancer declines.

“Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is the first step to a healthy heart,” said Dr. Lysse. “Choosing healthier foods and exercising are two of the best ways to contribute to

good heart health. Regular exercise is an important way to lower your risk of heart disease. Exercising for 30 minutes or more on most days can help you lose weight, improve your cholesterol, and even lower your blood pressure. Two 15-minute segments of exercise or three 10-minute segments still count as 30 minutes, noted Dr. Lysse. “Just make sure the activity is vigorous enough to raise your heart rate.”

“Your primary care provider is familiar with your medical history, your reaction to medications, your personality and lifestyle and treatment preferences,” said Dr. Lysse.

“We can help to determine your risk of cardiovascular disease through a routine exam and testing, and can recommend life-style changes, prescribe medications and refer you to a specialist if needed. If you need to lose weight, quit smoking, or reduce stress, we can suggest additional resources such as support groups, reading material, or if appropriate, medications or aids that can help.” he said.

Your primary care provider may note after an exam that you should have your heart checked a little more closely by a cardiologist. Or it could be that your personal or family history warrants an exam by a physician who focuses on the heart to keep you healthy.

“If you need to be referred to see a cardiologist, your primary care provider will remain a part of your care team,” said Dr. Brian

Labiberte, chair of Cardiology at Baystate Wing Hospital.

Keeping your heart healthy is truly a team effort and Dr. Brian Labiberte, Dr. Zachry Zichittella, and nurse practitioners Grace LaValley and Gina Zichittella, provide comprehensive cardiology care at Baystate Wing Cardiology located at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer.

For those that don’t have a primary care provider, the best time to choose a doctor is before you need one. Over time, your health care needs may change or you may face a new health challenge. The relationship you have with your health-care provider, who knows you and your medical history best can lead to a better overall outcome that will protect your health.

“It’s no accident that we celebrate National Heart Month and the holiday that honors love, Valentine’s Day, during the same month,” said Dr. Lysse. “The best way you can show appreciation to the people you love is to make an appointment to see your primary care provider to start you on the path to a healthy heart.”

Dr. Mario Lysse joins Dr. Kalyan Pundla and nurse practitioner Hilary Hayden-Moryl providing care at Baystate Medical Practice -Quabbin Adult Medicine, at 83 South St. in Ware. For more information or if people need a primary care provider, they may call 413-794-5412 or visit Baystatehealth.org.

Great Falls Discovery Center lists events

TURNER FALLS – Great Falls Discovery Center, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 2 Avenue A is open five days a week - Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kidleidoscope story hour for ages 3-6 (accompanied by an adult) will be held Friday, Feb. 28 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The topic for Feb. 28 is coyotes. The program includes a story, activi-

ties and a craft to introduce young children to wildlife along the river. Siblings and friends are welcome.

Preschool yoga follows story hour Friday, Feb. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to noon. The program is for preschool-aged children and includes mindful games, movement, breathing practices and stories. Caregivers stay on-site during the class and are encouraged to

join in the fun. Jackie Howard is a Yoga Alliance-certified Akhanda teacher and is trained in the Full of Joy Yoga for Children technique. She teaches at Great Falls Yoga, The Academy of Early Learning and Khalsa Childcare.

Saturday, Feb. 29, there will be an ongoing conversation in the Great Hall about mapping from 1-3 p.m. Each reader will have up to five minutes.

MFBF members head to AFBF convention

MARLBOROUGH – A group of Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) farmer members are heading to Austin, Texas, this week for American Farm Bureau Federation’s (AFBF’s) 101st Annual Convention and IDEAg Trade Show. These members will have the opportunity to conduct business on the trade show floor, expand their knowledge at educational workshops and network with their peers.

The Massachusetts attendees will join together for a Massachusetts dinner of local Texas food products, attend the New England Farm Bureau Breakfast to hear from the Texas Agricultural Commissioner and

be hosted by American National Insurance Company at a reception, in addition to regular convention activities and tours.

“This annual convention is our once-a-year opportunity to meet with like-minded farmers from across the country,” said MFBF President Mark Amato. “It is also our chance to vote on AFBF’s policy and help them chart their advocacy course for next year.”

During AFBF convention, delegates from across the United States gather and vote on whether to include new policy in AFBF’s policy book. This process is the pinnacle of Farm Bureau’s grassroots policy development process and is critical to the success of the

organization.

To learn more about the convention, people may visit <http://annualconvention.fb.org/>.

The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation is a non-profit organization representing nearly 6,000 family members across the Commonwealth. MFBF is an advocate for farmers, run by farmer members who develop policies through its grassroots process. Its mission is “to protect the rights, encourage the growth, and be of service to its members, in the best interest of agriculture.”

For more information about the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, people may visit www.mfbf.net.

EOLWD awards training grants for area businesses

BOSTON – The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) to announce training grant awards for three businesses located in the district through the Workforce Training Fund Program. Funded by Massachusetts employers via contributions made to unemployment insurance, the Workforce Training Fund helps companies improve productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to invest in the Massachusetts workforce.

When asked about the grants, Sen. Anne Gobi commented, “Our region is fortunate to have so many thriving manufacturing companies. This partnership between the Commonwealth and businesses assists in creating new jobs and opportunities, strengthening the existing workforce to ensure continued growth and economic viability.”

The grant awards are as follows: G & F Molding in Sturbridge will receive \$119,400 to train 100 workers and anticipates adding 10 jobs by 2021.

Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation in Ware will receive \$74,233 to train three workers and anticipates adding 40 jobs by 2021. This grant was awarded to a consortium of businesses, which includes DeTector Technology of Palmer, Mustang Motorcycle Products of Three Rivers, Palmer Foundry of Palmer and Quabbin Wire & Cable of Ware.

Vibram Corporation in North Brookfield will receive \$94,070 to train 289 workers and anticipates adding five jobs by 2021.

In partnership with EOLWD, Commonwealth Corporation reviews and awards training grants of up to \$250,000 to Massachusetts

businesses and consortia of businesses to fund training for the current and newly hired employees, with grants being awarded on a rolling basis throughout the year. In 2019, nearly 600 Massachusetts employers were approved for more than \$20 million in WTFP grant-funded training for more than 15,200 workers.

The program is a powerful tool to create new jobs, increase skills and opportunities for our workers, and maintain the economic strength and viability of the Commonwealth’s businesses. Companies who completed grants in FY2019 added jobs at a rate of 15.5 percent, more than eight-times the statewide average, resulting in 3,833 new jobs.

To learn more about the Workforce Training Fund, people may visit WorkforceTrainingFund.org.

Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 16
11:14 a.m. Serve Criminal Complaint South Street – Citation Issued
5:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Vernon Avenue – Citation Issued
9:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
10:13 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Worcester Road – Transported to Hospital

Monday, Feb. 17
11:39 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Fisher Road – Transported to Hospital
4:35 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Company Farm Road – Transported to Hospital
11:19 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Wauwinet Road – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Feb. 18
6:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Elm Street North – Citation Issued

8:56 a.m. Assault North Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital
5:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Vehicle Towed
Summons: Christopher J. Borzumato, 50, Worcester
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle

Wednesday, Feb. 19
1:30 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Ruggles Lane – Transported to Hospital
7:24 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Pleasant Street – Transported to Hospital
11:48 a.m. Breaking and Entering Past Auto/Motor Vehicle Dana Road – Investigated
2 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road – Citation Issued
2:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Valley Road – Citation Issued
3:21 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Farrington Road – Referred to Other Agency

11:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

Thursday, Feb. 20
12:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop James Street – Written Warning

Friday, Feb. 21
10:09 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Ruggles Lane – Transported to Hospital
1:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Written Warning
2:46 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Edward Lane – Transported to Hospital
9:36 p.m. Welfare Check North Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Feb. 22
1:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 16
2:05 p.m. Fire, Chimney North Brookfield Road – Fire Extinguished

Tuesday, Feb. 18
11:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Road – Citation Issued

Wednesday, Feb. 19
5:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Written Warning
7:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued
8:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop

Worcester Road – Citation Issued

Thursday, Feb. 20
1:06 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Scott Road – Referred to Other Agency
7:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued
10:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued
Summons: Kevin C. OBrien, 52, Spencer
Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle; License Suspended, Operate Motor

Vehicle With

Friday, Feb. 21
9:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Written Warning
9:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Written Warning
12:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued

Saturday, Feb. 22
5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Personal Injury Ware Corner Road – Transported to Hospital

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 16
9:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Boston Turnpike – Citation Issued

Wednesday, Feb. 19
10:47 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Burnshirt Road – Transported to Hospital

9:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Written Warning

Thursday, Feb. 20
1:01 a.m. Assist Other Police Department Rutland – Written Warning

Saturday, Feb. 22
5:36 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old Boston Turnpike – Referred to Other Agency
6:30 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Geordie Lane – Transported to Hospital

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 16
8:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Glenwood Road – Written Warning
8:57 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Autumn Wood Drive – Transported to Hospital
9:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued
11:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
12:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued
1:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued
3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
5:30 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital
8:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
10:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Christopher L. Butler, 32, Rutland
Warrant

Monday, Feb. 17
8:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Written Warning
8:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
1:39 p.m. Fraud Main Street – Report Filed
1:46 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Mark Circle – Transported to Hospital
2:05 p.m. Animal Bite Kosta Avenue – Investigated

Tuesday, Feb. 18
2:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
8:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued
9:36 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Fairview Avenue – Transported to Hospital

12:18 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Wachusett Street – Transported to Hospital
3:22 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Feb. 19
7:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Citation Issued
Summons: Heydi M. Espinal, 25, Worcester
Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle
2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Paul V. Sweeney, 73, Princeton
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
9:51 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Highland Park Road – Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Feb. 20
12:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Written Warning
1:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning
9:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued
10:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Written Warning
2:20 p.m. Fraud Pleasantdale Road – Officer Spoke to Party
5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident No Fire/EMS Response Main Street – Report Filed
6:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Hit and Run Maple Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, Feb. 21
12:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

3:50 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency East County Road – Transported to Hospital
9 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Miles Road – Arrest(s) Made
Summons: Laith Alabbad, 31, Holden
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
10:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Barre Paxton Road – Report Filed
11:30 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Edson Avenue – Transported to Hospital
2:44 p.m. Fraud Maple Avenue – Negative Contact
6:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
6:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
6:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning
7:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Written Warning
8:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Wachusett Street – Written Warning
11:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Written Warning

Saturday, Feb. 22
12:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
12:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
12:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Stephanie Elie, 28, Oakham
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation
2:34 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital
3:49 p.m. Larceny John Robert Drive – Information Given
7:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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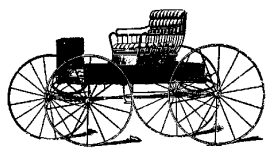
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Farm bureau lists horse farm of distinction awards

MARLBOROUGH — Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) announced 32 recipients of the organization's 2020 Horse Farm of Distinction award during its annual meeting in Framingham. This award was developed more than 20 years ago by MFBF's equine committee to recognize Massachusetts horse farms that achieve a level of excellence in overall horse health, farm management and compliance with public safety.

Award winners included:

Undermountain Farm, Lenox
Blackhorse Farm, Swansea
Bristol County Agricultural High School, Dighton
Chipaway Stables, Inc., Acushnet
Johnson and Wales Equestrian Center, Rehoboth
The Big Red Barn, N. Attleboro
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Briggs Stable, LLP, Hanover
Creek Crossing Farm, Hingham
Lazy Stallion Friesians, W. Bridgewater
Whit Acres Farm, Norwell
Holly Hill West Inc., Harvard

"I would like to congratulate all the winners of this award," said MFBF president Mark Amato. "I hope these 32 equine operations find this distinction valuable to their farms and continue to strive for excellence in the future."

The farms were judged upon the following criteria: horse health management, including appearance of the horses and the equine health program; farm management, including overall condition of the farm and facilities, condition of stalls, turnouts, pastures, riding surfaces, tack and equipment and public standards compliance. Those that scored 85 percent or higher were considered a "Horse Farm of Distinction" and received the award.

Applications for the 2021 Horse Farm of Distinction program will be available this spring. Only regular members of Farm Bureau may apply for this honor. To become a member, people may visit www.mfbf.net.

The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation is a non-profit organization representing nearly 6,000 family members across the Commonwealth. MFBF is an advocate for farmers, run by farmer members who develop policies through its grass-roots process. Its mission is "to protect the rights, encourage the growth and be of service to its members, in the best interest of agriculture."

For more information about the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, people may visit www.mfbf.net.

AARP says half of adults targeted by impostor scams

Impostor scams continue to target large numbers of Americans and as the federal government launches the 2020 Census, a majority may be susceptible to phony Census correspondence or telephone calls, according to results of a survey released by the AARP Fraud Watch Network.

The study, "The Impostors: Stealing Money, Damaging Lives," focused on government impostor scams, in which criminals pose as representatives of agencies such as the IRS, Social Security Administration or Census Bureau and relationship scams, when fraudsters pretend to be a relative or someone seeking a romantic relationship online. Researchers also probed the effects of fraud schemes on intended victims.

Nearly half of U.S. adults (47 percent) reported that they have been targeted by an impostor scam, according to the AARP survey. The Federal Trade Commission received 647,000 reports of impostor scams during 2019, more than any other type of fraud; the FTC says government impostor scams increased more than 50 percent over 2018.

The Decennial Census presents a new opportunity for the criminals, who impersonate government officials and AARP's survey shows that many consumers may be at risk: Seventy percent of respondents were incorrect or unsure about whether the Census Bureau would contact them via email. Invitations to participate in the Census actually will be sent via U.S. mail.

More than a third (35 percent) expect or are unsure whether the Census questionnaire will ask for their Social Security number. The Census Bureau says it will never ask for sensitive information such as Social Security number, bank account information or passwords or request payment of a fee.

"We've learned that scammers are very shrewd and adept at capitalizing on current events," said Mike Festa, AARP Massachusetts state director. "The Census has been in the news, so most people are expecting to hear soon from the Census Bureau. Scammers will use that to their advantage as they aim to deceive people into sharing sensitive information or handing over money."

Invitations to respond to the Decennial Census will be mailed to U.S. households in March. Responses to the Census questions may be submitted online or via mail or telephone. By May, Census workers will begin

visiting or contacting households that have not yet responded.

For assistance with recognizing potential Census scams, see the tip sheet from the AARP Fraud Watch Network.

The toll of impostor scams goes beyond the financial impact, according to the AARP survey. Among those who have been targeted and/or victimized, 18 percent reported that they experienced health problems or emotional distress as a result of the encounter. People ages 18 to 49 reported health or emotional issues at a higher rate than those age 50 or older.

Among other findings of the survey: Forty-five percent of people age 50 and older have been contacted by a government impostor, as compared to 35 percent of those ages 18 to 49.

Two in five U.S. adults use dating websites, apps or online social groups to find potential dates or romantic partners. Of those, half encountered one of the "red flags" of romance fraud, including requests for money.

The majority of U.S. adults are at least somewhat familiar with government impostor scams and relationship scams (including romance fraud and the grandparent scam) -- indicating that efforts by AARP and other consumer advocates to increase public awareness are working. However, 55 percent of survey respondents failed a 10-question fraud safety quiz.

AARP members and the public are invited to learn more about impostor scams and other fraud schemes by participating in an Online Community Q&A during February. Amy Nofziger, director, AARP Fraud Victim Support, is the host, and will answer questions and take comments about scams you have encountered.

The AARP Fraud Watch Network launched in 2013 as a free resource for people of all ages. Consumers may sign up for "Watchdog Alert" emails that deliver information about scams or call a free helpline at 877-908-3360 to report scams or get help from trained volunteers in the event someone falls victim to scammers' tactics. The Fraud Watch Network website provides information about fraud and scams, prevention tips from experts, an interactive scam-tracking map and access to AARP's hit podcast series, The Perfect Scam.

Gas prices remain the same as last week

Gasoline prices in Massachusetts remain the same this week, according to AAA Northeast.

AAA Northeast's Feb. 24 survey of prices in Massachusetts finds self-serve, regular unleaded averaging \$2.44 per gallon. Massachusetts's price is 3 cents below the national average of \$2.47. A year ago at this time, the average price in Massachusetts was 8 cents lower at \$2.36 per gallon.

"Gasoline prices are likely to fluctuate in the coming weeks, but not drastically, as the winter driving season nears its end and refineries undergo maintenance," said Mary Maguire, Director, Public and Legislative Affairs. "This is the typical trend this time of year."

The range in prices in the latest AAA survey for unleaded regular is 83 cents, from a low of \$2.22 to a high of \$3.05. AAA advises motorists to shop around for the best prices in their area. Please remember to slow down and move over for any emergency vehicles on the side of the road.

Today's local self serve gas prices and their ranges are as follows:

\$2.44 (\$2.22-\$3.05) regular unleaded,
\$2.74 (\$2.49-\$3.19) midgrade unleaded,
\$2.94 (\$2.69-\$3.45) premium unleaded
and \$2.94 (\$2.58-\$3.29) diesel.

People may find the most up-to-date local gas prices with the AAA Fuel Finder by logging onto AAA.com and clicking on Gas Saving Tips and Tools.

Public Notices

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
Project File No. 608793

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed highway reconstruction of Route 68 (Main Street) project in Hubbardston, MA.

WHERE:
Slade Building,
Conference Room
7 Main Street
Hubbardston, MA 01452

WHEN: Thursday, March 5, 2020 @ 7pm

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Highway Reconstruction of Route 68 (Main Street) project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL:
The proposed project consists of Highway Reconstruction of Route 68 (Main Street) from 1,000 feet north of Williamsville Road to Elm Street. The work includes roadway reclamation, sidewalk construction and reconstruction, replacing a flashing beacon, minor drainage improvements and related work. Bicycle accommodations consisting of a 10ft wide Shared Use Path (South Side) and 5ft wide Bike Lane (North Side) have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Hubbardston is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in

attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing Meeting regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Roadway Project Management, Project File No. 608793. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after this Public Hearing Meeting. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

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**Trial Court of Massachusetts
The Superior Court
Worcester County Superior Court
225 Main Street
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Docket Number:
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ORDER OF NOTICE
BY PUBLICATION**

CASE NAME:
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**The Shareholders of
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Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service, a copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this notice, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20-days before said return day in the:

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